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Mayor's A&E health battle petition goes online

AN online petition has been launched by Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner calling for the retention of full emergency services at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Councillor Milner has launched an electronic version of his paper petition to stop emergency care leaving the county town. He had already collected about 4,000 names and hopes the online petition will boost the figures.

A petition with 3,200 names has already been handed over to health bosses calling for the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to be the home of the new emergency centre. Health chiefs have said that no final decision has yet been made on where the emergency care centre should be sited – The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital or The Princess Royal Hospital in Telford. Councillor Milner said: "If the A&E department at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital was to be relocated to the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford not only in my opinion would it be too far to expect residents to travel but travelling that extra distance could have serious consequences on the health of the patient. Oswestry is the second biggest town in Shropshire and should therefore have a local A&E for not only the town but the surrounding areas. If we were to lose the A&E in Shrewsbury we should have our very own Urgent Care Centre in Oswestry."

Health bosses have stressed that the hospital not chosen as the site of the emergency care centre would still retain an A&E that would be able to cope with about 80 per of the cases that it deals with today. People can sign the online petition at www.change.org/p/please-click-on-this-link-to-sign-this-petition-for-emergency-care-to-be-local-to-oswestry-the-surrounding-areas

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FLY-TIPPING FEAR OVER WASTE PLAN

Report by Sue Austin

CONTROVERSIAL plans which could see the closure of Welshpool's household waste recycling centre would create a "fly-tipping disaster area", campaigners have claimed.

Welshpool Town Council is objecting to any reductions to the recycling centres anywhere in Powys and has announced a public meeting will be held in the Town Hall on November 22 to air concerns.

Welshpool Town Councillor Graham Breeze called for residents to turn out in force at the meeting. He said: "The town council has called the public meeting and invited Powys County Council officers to attend and explain themselves. This is an opportunity to let everyone know just how strongly the community feels about any threat to household waste recycling centres in North Powys. The county will become a fly-tipping disaster area if we allow Powys County Council to go ahead with this scheme."

Mr George

And this week Montgomeryshire Assembly Member Russell George stepped into the row, raising his concerns with Mark Drakeford AM, the Welsh Government Minister responsible for local government.

He said: "I have been inundated by complaints by constituents in relation to the consultation currently being conducted by Powys County Council relating to household waste, which could potentially result in the closure of a site at either Newtown or Welshpool.

"There are now serious concerns that the potential closure of the site at either Newtown or Welshpool will result in an increase in fly-tipping and a reduction in recycling rates in the area due to the fact that the nearest recycling centre will be an unacceptable distance away."

Powys County Council is reviewing five household waste and recycling centres as it looks to save £700,000.

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Councillors celebrate top UK authority award

Mayor Paul Milner and Deputy Mayor Vince Hunt celebrate the award along with other Oswestry town councillors. Photo: Steve Leath.

SIMPLY the best – Oswestry town councillors have been celebrating after they were named number one by the National Association of Local Councils.

A voting panel named Oswestry the Star Council of nearly 12,000 in England and Wales for the breadth of activities and events that it is responsible for. Judges were told that the council generates £4 million through its commercial activities. It was praised for its partnership working with local groups, individuals, the voluntary section and schools and young people and the regular health forum it organises chaired by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson.

Other partnerships are involved in allotments, tourism, the visitor and exhibition centre and the annual bonfire and fireworks evening and the council has also established a town museum.

Town Clerk David Preston said the work of the council ranged from promoting meetings to save local A&E services, to ensuring that Oswestry's Waving Santa, a much loved, festival illumination, was replaced. "We manage a voluntary CCTV scheme that has won national awards, secured external funding including heritage lottery for a cemetery research project and facilitate food, youth music and Christmas festivals and other events," he said.

Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner said: "We were delighted with the recognition for Oswestry Town Council, which is testament to the hard work of fellow councillors and staff and our partners and supporters."

DRUGS

Woman tells of shock at finding cannabis factory

A WOMAN has spoken of the shock of going into a property she had lived in with her father and finding about 300 cannabis plants growing inside.

Bridie Lloyd said the realisation that the former Royal Bengal building in Oswestry had been turned into a drugs factory had been distressing.

Miss Lloyd said the corner building in Beatrice Street had been home to herself and her father, well-known businessman, Arob Ali who died in 2012. It was a popular takeaway. "He would be absolutely disgusted with what has happened," she said.

"My father was a good man, he worked hard to open his business. This was the home that I shared with my father but I have not had possession of it since December 2014."

Miss Lloyd is currently involved in civil proceedings over the ownership of the building. She said she gained entry on Tuesday last week before contacting police. She said: "The place was utterly unrecognisable when I pulled back a curtain.

"There must have been 300 plants in different stages of being grown."

Police said a 16-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of cultivation of cannabis. The teenager appeared at Telford Magistrates Court and was remanded in youth detention to return for an interim remand hearing.

BUSINESS

Store revamp to create more jobs

MORE than 20 jobs will be created after the refurbishment of Oswestry's Sainsbury's supermarket.

The store will create 23 new positions in a mixture of full-time and part-time posts.

The shop closed on Monday and will reopen on Wednesday next week.

Janet Morrow, Sainsbury's spokeswoman, said: "Our 23 new colleagues in Oswestry will cover roles on counters, clothing, checkouts and click and collect."

The refurbishment will include new checkouts, branding and redecoration, plus new fish, meat and pizza counters.

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Pioneering council takes on cleaning duties in town

Report by Sally Williams

WELSHPOOL councillors have decided to clean up their town after becoming weary of complaints about weeds, overgrown grass and littering.

Street Scene services in Welshpool were this week transferred to the town council from Powys County Council.

Town Clerk Robert Robinson said: "Our town was starting to look unloved and we wanted to keep it looking neat and tidy.

"All of the town and community councils in Powys have been offered the chance to take over the Street Scene services which includes litter bins, verges, open spaces, graffiti and fly tipping.

"Powys has also offered some funding to support the service delivered by others but as far as I know, Welshpool is so far the only council to have taken them up on their suggestion and we took over the services on Tuesday."

Mr Robinson said the council would be cleaning up the streets of Welshpool seven days a week with its Billie Goat litter machines and its own second-hand bin lorry, plus other equipment.

Over the last few years, the town council has saved the town's Tourist Information Centre and the public toilets that were threatened with closure. "Without these, many of our tourists would not stop on their way to the coast," said Mr Robinson. "Last October, the town council conducted a town-wide survey with a response rate of 12 per cent – normally such surveys attract four to five per cent.

"The survey asked if people were willing to pay a bit more to keep services locally. The overwhelming result was 'yes'.

"From this survey, the town council decided it was right to proceed with the taking over of the Street Scene."

The takeover of the Street Scene work will be marked with a ceremonial handover tomorrow (Friday) outside the Town Hall at 2pm, when the new equipment and vehicles will be on display. Residents are invited to attend the short ceremony and there will be tea and coffee in the Corn Exchange.

Councillor Stephen Kaye, Mayor of Welshpool, said: "Yet again, Welshpool has led the way in retaining the services the town needs and I think the taking over of the Street Scene will be a good thing for the town – for both residents and tourists alike."

Passengers given treatment after bus crash

The bus and car involved in a crash at Llynclys crossroads. Photo: @mikeycrawford.

PASSENGERS and a female car driver were treated for injuries following a collision between a bus and a white car at an accident blackspot between Oswestry and Welshpool.

The crash happened at the Llynclys crossroads on the A483 on Tuesday afternoon.

Two ambulances went to the accident and paramedics boarded the Tanat Valley service bus to ensure the passengers were unhurt.

The bus company dispatched a second bus onto which the passengers were transferred so that they could continue their journeys. A spokeswoman for the West Midland Ambulance Service said : "The car driver was checked out and there were four 'walking wounded' passengers treated for minor injuries – the injuries don't appear to be serious."

The accident happened just after 2.30pm and caused long hold-ups on the busy trunk road.

Police controlled traffic while a heavy recovery lorry was brought in to move the bus which suffered a smashed windscreen.

Meanwhile, Government transport chiefs are to visit the region to see problems on two main roads.

Transport minister John Hayes will meet North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson as part of his long running campaign to see the A5 dualled north of Shrewsbury and past the Oswestry area and onto Ruabon and also to win the go-ahead for the Pant/Llanymynech bypass on the A483.

Mr Paterson said Mr Hayes had agreed to make the trip to Shropshire in the New Year.

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Apartments proposal for closed hotel

DEVELOPERS are applying to convert an Oswestry hotel, which has stood empty and unused for the past two years, into residential apartments.

Agent James Ellis, on behalf of J Ross Developments, Oswestry, is seeking planning approval from Shropshire Council to convert The Smithfield Hotel, a Georgian-style building with 16 bedrooms that formerly housed the Bullring Bar into seven residential apartments.

In a design and access statement, developers say the three-storey building, located on the corner of Salop Road and English Walls, was formerly known as The Bear Hotel and ceased to operate approximately two years ago due to "lack of trade".

"Although the property has been marketed for sale for around 18 months, the property still stands empty and unused," says the statement. "It has been in the current ownership for approximately 10 years and over that period, operated as a hotel with at least one major refurbishment. But due to competition from modern, more suitable accommodation being provided over recent years, the business has suffered. The owners have investigated various options and have concluded – along with professional advice – to seek planning approval to convert the building into residential apartments."

Car company to close dealership

CAR dealers Greenhous has announced that it is to close a dealership in Welshpool.

The Shrewsbury-headquartered chain acquired the Waterloo Place dealership in Welshpool from WR Davies as part of a double deal which also gave it a site in Newtown last year. The company has invested heavily in upgrading its site in Newtown, including with the opening of a new Ford Transit centre, but the company said the Welshpool site was "dated" and in a poor position.

The business will now be relocated to Newtown, and Greenhous said it was attempting to minimise redundancies. "We have found that the Welshpool dealership was difficult to locate and had a dated infrastructure which made it problematic in attracting new business," said Greenhous Ford dealer principal Tony Mellish.

Drink-drive trucker is jailed for car park chaos

Report by Elwyn Roberts

A TRUCKER who had been drinking has been jailed after causing chaos in a McDonalds car park near Oswestry.

Staff and customers at the restaurant were terrified to see the truck enter the car park.

It headed towards the drive through area but crashed into a lamppost which fell and damaged a nearby Audi.

Grzegorz Lipinski, then reversed but crashed into other street furniture in the car park at McDonalds near Chirk. Lipinski, 44, a father of three from Poland who was making a delivery to the nearby Kronospan wood chip factory, admitted drink-driving and was jailed for 28 days and banned from driving for two years. He was said to have little recollection of the incident.

District Judge Gwyn Jones, sitting at Flintshire Magistrates Court at Mold, said that he was in charge of a heavy goods vehicle and trailer when he had 65 microgrammes of alcohol in his breath, compared to the legal limit of 35.

"You attempted to manoeuvre a hefty vehicle through the drive through area of McDonalds. Even large cars sometimes have difficulties. It is clear that they are not designed for large vehicles.

"However, under the influence of drink, you drove that vehicle with little recollection – driving in a manner which I am satisfied was dangerous.

"You are a professional driver in charge of a very big HGV and you attempted to manoeuvre your vehicle in circumstances of extreme danger."

The judge said that no doubt both members of staff and members of the public eating there would have been terrified at the sight of a very large vehicle travelling towards them.

"The drive through section is not designed for such vehicles," he said.

Prosecutor Justin Espie said that it was at 11pm on Saturday that the defendant was making a delivery to Kronospan but for some reason decided to drive into McDonalds.

The defendant admitted that he had been drinking that afternoon, at about 1pm, and had fallen asleep.

Simon Simmons, defending, said it was an unusual case.

"I can see eye brows raised," he said.

Pharmacy staff really get into the spirit

Staff at Rowlands Pharmacy in Chirk held a Halloween raffle to raise funds for the NSPCC. Photo: John Sambrooks.

CUSTOMERS who might have already felt green around the gills before picking up their medication probably felt worse after witnessing the spooky goings on at a pharmacy.

Staff at Rowlands Pharmacy in Chirk, near Oswestry, truly got into the spirit of Halloween this past weekend as they dressed up for the occasion. Predominately pumpkins, staff decided to don bright orange attire in a bid to raise funds for the NSPCC charity by also organising a raffle as well as hopefully carve out some cheer for customers. Clare Penrose, dispenser at the store, said they aimed to raise £250 for the charity, and that sum was in reach on Monday as the total stood at more than £200. She said: "It's been great fun. I think it's definitely brought a smile to people's faces seeing us dressed as pumpkins, and it's for a fantastic cause, which has meant we've had plenty of support from local businesses in Chirk who have donated prizes for the raffle.

"A big thanks must go to Fine Things, the Castle Bistro, Guys and Molls, Millennium, The Hand Hotel and Steve McArdle Family Butchers who have all donated prizes.

"Thanks must also go to staff and individuals who have donated." In a bid to spread the spooks, staff also took people's blood pressure in The Hand Hotel, in their spooky get-up. Mrs Penrose added: "It isn't everyday you see a pumpkin taking blood pressure in The Hand Hotel. We just want to do more and get ourselves out and about in the community."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Senior citizens' party fundraiser

A COFFEE morning and table top sale is taking place this weekend to raise money for Welshpool's annual senior citizens' new year's party.

The event will be taking place in the Corn Exchange at Welshpool Town Hall from 9am on Saturday.There will be a number of stalls, as well as a raffle. Anyone wanting to host a table should call 07782 166342.

The party will take place on January 31 in the town hall, with tickets available from December 1.

Meanwhile, a coffee morning will be held by the Royal British Legion in the Church House in Welshpool on Saturday from 9.30am.

Following the Blessing of Field of Remembrance at St Mary's Church on Monday, the group's annual general meeting will be held in the Corn Exchange at 7pm.

Baby girl death tragedy in village

A BABY girl has died despite attempts by paramedics to save her.

The tragic death is not being treated as suspicious.

Emergency services were called to an address in St Martins, near Oswestry, at about 7.30am on Saturday. The services were called following a report that a baby at the property was not breathing. A community first responder, two ambulances and the Midlands Air Ambulance with a MERIT trauma doctor on board were sent to the home.

"Sadly, despite their best efforts, nothing could be done to save the child," Claire Brown, a West Midlands Ambulance Service spokeswoman said.

Ted the horse is rescued by crews

FIRE crews came to the aid of Ted the horse after he became stuck in deep water.

Crews from Welshpool and Wellington were called to the River Severn in Llanymynech at about 9.30am on Sunday. The horse was rescued by boat crews.

A spokeswoman for Shropshire Fire and Rescue said: "The animal rescue crew and officer were sent to assist with a rescue of a horse from the water. The horse called Ted is now safely back on dry land."

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The artist's impression

New image of abduction attempt man

AN artist's impression has been released of a man police want to trace in connection with two suspicious incidents involving schoolchildren.

Both incidents took place in the Oswestry area, with a man pulling up by schoolchildren and asking them to get into his vehicle.

On October 12 an 11- year-old boy was walking home after getting off a school bus in Weston Rhyn just before 4pm. A man in a black car, believed to be a Renault Clio, called out and falsely claimed that he had been asked to pick him up by the boy's mother. The boy ran home, with the car seen to drive off in the direction of Trehowell Lane.

The man is described as white, in his late 20s with short, straight brown hair, thinly built and a strong Liverpudlian accent.

The second incident occurred at 7.50am on October 18 when a 13-year-old girl was walking on Longueville Drive in Oswestry. As she approached the junction of Aston Way, a small black van pulled up next to her and the driver told her to get into the van.

The girl ran away from the scene. The man did not leave the vehicle and the girl was not injured or physically touched in any way. The driver is described a white man in his 20s of a medium build, with dark brown hair and slight stubble. He was described as having a slight Liverpool accent and was thought to be the only person in the vehicle.

The vehicle is described as a black van with blacked out rear windows and black tape or a bag covering the registration plates.

Fencing installed at centre to halt young roof climbers

Report by Naomi Penrose

FENCING has been installed on the roof of a community centre that has been plagued by youngsters climbing onto it.

Shropshire Council chiefs said youths have been climbing onto the roof of The Centre in Oak Street, Oswestry.

Now, in a bid to tackle the problem and prevent children from putting themselves in danger, they have installed the fence. Steve Law, strategic asset manager with Shropshire Council, said the action has been taken "reluctantly but for a very important reason". He said: "We take our responsibility for health and safety very seriously and we don't want anyone to injure themselves through trespassing on the roof of The Centre.

"We gave careful consideration to the most appropriate precautions to take, and sought advice from our crime prevention officer on protecting our premises and discouraging unauthorised climbing at height.

"This fence was deemed to be the best way to tackle what it is a very serious problem.

"We now want to get the message out to children that climbing onto the roof is dangerous and they put themselves at risk of serious injury by doing so.

"The fence has been put in place for a very good reason and we urge children not to try and climb over it – they may injure themselves if they attempt to do so."

Councillor Vince Hunt, who represents the Oswestry West ward on Shropshire Council, said: "The Centre is a space designed for young people and their safety is at the heart of what we do. We run successful weekly youth sessions and activities for 10-18 year olds. We must ensure young people are not able to access the roof as they have been doing, as serious injury would only be a matter of time.

"The measures used may seem excessive but we want to be as sure as we can that vulnerable access points are well secured."

Nominations set to open

NOMINATIONS for by-elections for a county council and town council ward in Welshpool open on Thursday next week, Powys County Council has confirmed.

The election for the county council's Welshpool Llanerchydol Ward and Welshpool Town Council's Castle Ward are to be held following the death of Cllr Ann Holloway, who passed away in September.

Nomination Paper forms can be obtained from the Returning Officer at County Hall, Llandrindod Wells or by calling (01597) 826747.

Nomination papers must be delivered in person to County Hall, Llandrindod Wells no later than 4pm on November 18.

If the election is contested, the poll will take place on December 15.

Electors wanting to vote by post must have their postal application form with the Electoral Registration Officer at County Hall by 5pm on November 30.

Smash at town railway station

The damage to one of the vehicles at the rail station. Picture courtesy of Aaron Bernard.

RAIL commuters woke up to the aftermath of a mysterious three-car smash in a car park.

Witnesses said it appeared that a blue Renault Megane had lost control in the early hours of the morning in Welshpool Railway Station's car park.

It appeared the car had hit two vehicles parked at the station overnight.

Extensive damage could be seen to the front and side of the Renault Megane which had left a trail of skid marks behind it leading towards the roundabout and police have confirmed that no-one was injured.

A Dyfed-Powys Police spokesman said: "At approximately 5.10am yesterday (Wednesday) a report was received of a road traffic accident at Welshpool Railway Station.

"A Renault Megane had collided with two stationary vehicles – a Mitsubishi Shogun and Volkswagen Passat."

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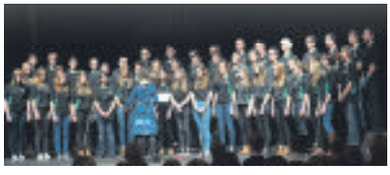

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Last Year's Chair Winner

On Friday 4th November 2016 the Prelim for the Instrumental Solo will be held with the adjudicator Julie Turner talking on the unenviable task of selecting three competitors to compete on the Eisteddfod stage the following day when they will then be adjudicated by Greg Jenkins of Newtown. Prelims will begin at 8.30am, these are certainly worth coming to see and enjoy then the top three from each competition will be put forward to the Eisteddfod Stage to complete for first, second or third place.

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Drug dealer runs out of court after remand ruling

Report by Lisa O'Brien

A MAN found guilty of drug charges bolted from a courtroom dock after a judge remanded him in custody.

James Spotswood went on the run on Friday last week following his trial at Shrewsbury Crown Court. He was arrested several hours later.

Spotswood denied two counts of being in possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply and being in possession of a knife in a public place. But a jury unanimously found him guilty of all three charges at the hearing. The case was adjourned for the 28-year-old to be sentenced at Shrewsbury Crown Court on November 29. Debra White, representing Spotswood, argued that he should be given bail until the hearing. But when Recorder Martin Jackson refused, Spotswood, who has a young baby, ran out of the court building.

During the two-day trial, the court heard that wraps of crack cocaine and heroin worth £900 were found hidden inside two Kinder Surprise eggs after police pulled over a car in Gobowen Road, heading into Oswestry.

Spotswood and passenger Alan McNeil were found to have a sock containing the eggs with the drugs inside when they were stopped on January 30 last year.

A knife was also seized from the vehicle.

Brett Williamson, prosecuting, said the pair were drug dealers and Spotswood's role was to act as the driver, ferrying McNeil to addresses where deals would be made. He said police found 79 wraps of crack cocaine, nine wraps of heroin and a wrap containing a mixture of the Class A drugs.

Officers also seized £235 in cash from Spotswood, who lives in River Grove, New Ferry, Wirral. His fingerprints were found on one of the drug wraps and on the underside of the compartment in the car where they were found hidden.

Giving evidence, Spotswood claimed he had been held hostage by McNeil, who had forced him to be his driver and threatened him with a knife.

He said he had driven to Oswestry as a favour to a friend in order to pick someone up and bring them back to Liverpool. He told the court he did not know what was in the Kinder Surprise eggs until he was able to peek inside.

He said: "I put them back and panicked."

Spotswood claimed he did not try to get away from McNeil because he was frightened for the safety of himself and his family. But in his closing speech, Mr Williamson said: "This is high end street dealing.

"This is bringing drugs from Liverpool, as part of an organised criminal venture, to Oswestry to peddle them."

The jury was told that McNeil had already pleaded guilty to two counts of being in possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply.

Efforts are launched to curb thefts

A CROSS-border effort has been launched to clamp down on a spate of targeted break-ins that have seen thieves take expensive tools from vans.

Both Dyfed-Powys Police and West Mercia Police are working with councillors and communities after a number of raids on either side of the Shropshire/Mid Wales border. Local tradesmen working in Chirbury in Shropshire and Montgomery and Newtown in Powys have been victims of the break-ins in recent weeks.

Shropshire Councillor Heather Kidd, who represents Chirbury and Worthen, believes organised gangs could be at work.

She said: "We've had two break-ins in my village of Chirbury and one in neighbouring Montgomery and identical break-ins two weeks ago.

"From speaking to the police it seems that there is quite a serious spate of this going on across our area."The pattern is the same. Thieves target vans of tradesmen using a universal key fob which can access doors of vans and they steal tools. I understand that several thousand pounds worth of kit has been stolen in our area recently.

"Disturbingly, they come back two weeks later and break in to the same vehicles again."

A 32-year-old man from the Shropshire area has been arrested in connection with thefts from vans in the Montgomery area between October 19 and 20. He has been bailed pending further inquiries.

Yolanda stars in new movie

Yolanda Lynes, originally from Oswestry, stars in The Real Target

THE heroine of the latest martial arts film is an actress from Shropshire.

Yolanda Lynes, who is originally from Oswestry, stars in The Real Target, which was released at the weekend, alongside her screen and off screen partner David Cheung.

The movie has already been shown at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

Described as an action packed martial arts comedy, it brings together action actors, martial arts champions and stunt performers, playing the roles of heroic vigilantes and secret agent assassins.

A film said to be inspired by true events, The Real Target explores the corrupt government underworld, conspiracy theories and stories from today's media, in a bid to expose the truth. Yolanda, one half of the "kung fu couple", has had a lifelong interest in martial arts and in dance. She moved from Shropshire to London in 2012.

"Since moving to London I have trained regularly at Pineapple Dance Studios, getting involved in film projects, getting on to the books of an acting agency and then things kind of spiralled from there," she said.

"I have done work in film, television, commercials, print and online.

"I trained in martial arts from a young age as my step-dad was a martial artist.

"I also learned wing chun with Malcolm Fazackerley in Shropshire and have been training with wing chun grand master Austin Goh here in London."

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

What is it about me and train travel? Every time I make a cross-country trip something winds me up so much that it makes me turn to print. This time it was a seven-hour long haul from Welshpool to Ipswich, a journey taking me to Peterborough via Birmingham, that would have been a pleasant enough experience had it not been for the annoying woman sat opposite me on the first part of the journey to the Midlands.

Why do people think the "reserved seat" ticket is meaningless would be the first question? What is it that makes someone think they can sprawl out across three, or even four seats, and fall asleep? For that's the reason I ended up in the seat I did.

It simply wasn't worth the trouble of asking someone to move when there were several unreserved seats available. But I hadn't bargains for the next experience as the train reached Shrewsbury and began to fill up.

With people standing why was the woman opposite sitting in the aisle seat with her suit case and bags piled on the window seat? Had she paid for two seats? Don't think so. And why did she completely blank all those stood around us as she chatted away into her mobile? Worse still why did she not budge when the guard asked people to ensure that all seats were kept clear with the train clearly overcrowded? I was sorely tempted to ask her to move and in my younger and more outspoken days would surely have done so but simply wasn't in the mood for a confrontation. Just as well really because after changing trains at Birmingham New Street and boarding another crowded carriage for Peterborough I found myself again seated opposite the same annoying woman who this time could have done with help to lift her cases into the overhead lockers. But I let her struggle.

If only she knew I was writing this column as she recovered her composure after a massive struggle to find space for that luggage. What goes around comes around they say.

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Last week I was heaping praise on Oswestry Town Council for becoming the best in Britain and this week it's the turn of Welshpool Town Council to gain the plaudits after taking on street cleaning duties from Powys County Council. Things have deteriorated under Powys to a terrible state in Welshpool and the town council decided it was time to take action and negotiated the handover of the "Street Scene" in a bid to get the town back into shape for both residents and visitors. It's a brave move for a small authority but it will be a worthwhile exercise. When was the last time anyone in the town saw a street sweeper in action? That's a question which may take some answering.

The Never Forget memorial unveiled by the British Legion at the National Memorial Arboretum

Jenny Robey, the Royal British Legion's community fundraiser in Shropshire, is also raising awareness

Veterans of all ages are the focus of this year's campaign, with a special series of short films

Appeal embraces veterans across the generations

MARK ANDREWS speaks to the woman responsible for raising RBL Poppy Appeal funds across Shropshire

WHEN you talk about the Poppy Appeal, what images spring to mind? Silver-haired heroes in military blazers rattling tins, talk of tragedies at Ypres and The Somme?

"This year we are asking people to rethink Remembrance," says Jenny Robey, the Royal British Legion's community fundraiser in Shropshire.

"A lot of the work that the Royal British Legion does today is with some quite young people who have served in recent conflicts and are affected now and who need help now.

"It is not just about wars which happened a long time ago."

Of course, honouring the fallen of two world wars, not to mention the many conflicts before them, is still a very important part of Remembrance. And Jenny knows only too well that her job would be much more difficult were it not for the army of retired people who selflessly give their time to help with the appeal each year.

But the 31-year-old, whose partner serves with the Royal Marines in Scotland, also hopes this year's appeal will raise the profile of the younger veterans who have served in recent conflicts, including the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The different nature of this year's appeal was underlined by the launch party in central London last week.

Whereas previous years has seen the appeal launched by the likes of Dame Vera Lynn, this time an interactive video installation was installed to broadcast stories from a new generation of veterans.

Poppy wreaths on display for Remembrance Day. Photo: Sam Bagnall.

The four 60-second films by the Royal British Legion, featuring experiences from the younger generation of the Armed Forces community, are being played on seven monoliths in Paternoster Square.

In each film, a story of conflict or injury is narrated by a Second World War veteran aged between 88 and 97, in military dress, with some proudly wearing berets and medals.

At the end it is revealed that the stories do not belong to the speaker, but to a younger veteran or member of the Armed Forces aged between 29 and 34.

Members of the public are being urged to recognise the service and sacrifice made across all generations of the British Armed Forces including the most recent conflicts.

Jenny, who lives in Shrewsbury, gave up her career as a landscape architect in January to take up the post of community fundraiser with the Royal British Legion in the county.

"I have always greatly admired the work of the military charities, and I found myself doing an increasing amount of charity work in my spare time," she says. "My partner is serving in the forces and it means a great deal to me.

"When this role came up I jumped at the chance. I'm a Shropshire girl born and bred, and bringing together the county that I love and a cause that is close to my heart is a dream for me. I go to work every day with a smile on my face."

This will be Jenny's first Poppy Appeal launch, and it has a lot to live up to. Last year's appeal, which for accounting reasons actually only ended last month, saw a record £448,000 raised in the county.

"That leaves me, doing this for the first time, with a very big target to beat," she says. "The people of Shropshire are extremely generous. Although we are a large county, there aren't that many people."

She cites the Royal British Legion's Battle Back Centre at Lilleshall as a shining example of the excellent work that the charity is doing in the county today.

The centre, which was set up by the legion in partnership with the Ministry of Defence, provides sports and adventure activities for wounded, injured and sick service personnel. It doesn't just support those facing physical challenges, but also those with conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder. It also helps helps its users either resume their service career or make the transition to civilian life.

"It is funded by the appeal and it is absolutely fantastic what they do there," says Jenny.

"Since it opened three years ago it has helped 4,000 people, and it has changed their lives.

"The wonderful thing about it is it enables anybody to do outdoor pursuits. Whatever has happened to them, whatever they have been through, everyone can do archery, everyone can play a game of basketball, they have all the different adaptations there. I know Prince Harry is very impressed by it."

Meanwhile, the Royal British Legion will hope that its video display will capture the public's imagination in the same way that the field of ceramic poppies at the Tower of London did in 2014.

The video installation will feature seven multi-screen columns, the tallest standing just over 13ft high.

People will be able to explore the films from different perspectives, with the screens uniting to create a single image from one specific viewing point.

WORKING FOR YOU

We are now six months on from the referendum vote where a majority of the people of the UK, including a majority of the people of Wales and the people of Powys voted in favour of the UK leaving the EU.

This vote will completely change how Parliament works, and the role of MPs within it.

Since I was first elected to Westminster in 2010, my focus has primarily been on Montgomeryshire and Wales, concentrating on energy and health.

Suddenly my focus has to be the world.

If the UK is to be successful over the next few years, and I believe it will be, we have to lift up our horizons.

There are narrow minded politicians in Wales who are inward-looking – who want to build imaginary barriers between Wales and the world.

I do not want to be one of them.

Wales needs to win friends, develop relationships across the world and be open to free trade in all continents.

It's not going to be easy.

This week I've been in meetings with representatives from many countries, all concerned about the impact of Brexit.

On Monday, a group of Welsh MPs visited the Canadian High Commission in London, met with the Japanese Ambassador and dozens of Japanese businesses, and the First Minister of Gibraltar at different events.

On Tuesday a select committee I've just joined, the Environmental Audit Committee met with 12 British dependencies including the Falklands, to discuss their position post Brexit.

I also met with Juanito Manuel Santos Canderon, the great President of Columbia, who was on a state visit to Britain, and came to Westminster to meet Parliamentarians.

Colombia recently emerged from 50 years of war and has great potential for trade. I am establishing an All Party Parliamentary Group for Colombia.

The UK IS leaving the EU. This is the biggest decision of my lifetime.

It will be a long, complex and difficult road to travel. It will dominate the current Parliament, and will define Theresa May's premiership.

I voted in support of the UK taking this fork in the road, but with great uncertainty about the future.

The six months since the referendum have gone better than anyone predicted or could have expected. But we cannot imagine there will not be real testing difficulties to come.

The only way to face up to the challenge is to look out to the world, and make Britain open to world trade.

Glyn Davies
Montgomeryshire MP

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Time to care for National Health Service

WE all know that our NHS is one of the best in the world. We have been improving our daily life since 1948 with science and scientific research – couple this with the best training in the world to process doctors, nurses and all back up staff.

The NHS at the moment is unwell. We have caring and knowledge so why then is it unwell? I think it's because this public service is underfunded. Over the past few years under the smokescreen of austerity we have seen services shrink at a time when demand increases; we really should be increasing funding not cutting them.

Structurally it is sound, but the ugly trait is the Tory government cronies are waiting on the sidelines listening and poking Tory MPs and others in the right direction.

I remember when meetings were held up and down the country about the introduction of NHS trusts, were they welcome in the NHS?

I attended such meetings, what I found interesting was a new kind of person speaking a new language I'd never heard before, consumer confidence, profit, value (how many appendix should we take out). The same language is used by those entrepreneurs on the TV programme Dragons' Den. The trusts are now well established.

You are now hearing from some of these trust leaders calling for yet another debate, not about the internal inefficiencies, but about the future of the NHS, that in my book is a massive shift (the key word is options). The world sadly is run by multi-national companies. They are becoming more powerful by the day, these companies have had their eye on the NHS for years, they carry their own spin doctors walking the corridors of power around ministerial government departments and other places where they have sympathetic ears.

RON JOWETT
Shifnal

Town firm's workers rebuilt unique 1946 aircraft

From left, Ron Goodwin, George Evans and Andy Rimington with a French Messerschmitt Nord aeroplane they had renovated in 1979. The unique 1946 aircraft had been rebuilt by workers at North Western Aero Engineering at Chirk. It belonged to Barry Lister, who bought it in a neglected state from France and flew it to the firm's depot at Chirk in 1976.

Handy hints on how to become a successful failure

HOW to become a successful failure. First become prime minister, then make promise after promise and when they do not come to fruition resign from being prime minister.

Which Mr Cameron, in doing so broke his promise to remain Prime Minister until 2018. Then break another promise that you made to your constituents by resigning as their Member of Parliament.

As I have always said never trust a politician and this reinforces my claim.

You now take up a contract to write your memoirs for quite a substantial fee and at the same time go on the gravy train of speechifying for about £250,000 per pontification on any subject under the sun except about how you lose a referendum that you were positive of winning.

Never mind, the people that will buy your books and pay to listen to you are of the same breed as yourself.But this really cheapens what being prime minister is all about.

K BEDDIS
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Keep quiet on Brexit Mr Blair

WHY doesn't Tony Blair keep his ranting comments about Brexit away? He is a nobody now, yet he still churns on his boring comments about a second referendum.

The referendum has long passed, the people of this country made its choice. Imagine the comments if Remain had won and people like Boris Johnson and Nigel Farage were calling for a second referendum? Tony Blair is to blame for much of what's happened to this country by being in the EU.

GB DIPPER
Leominster

Help required with research on motorbike man

I AM doing research on Jack Davies Motorcycles, Shrewsbury who sold motorcycles in Shrewsbury during the 1920s and 30s.

His shop was on the corner of St Julians Crescent and Wyle Cop and is now a hairdressers, Uberhair.

There is still a sign on the wall on St Julians Crescent which says Vellocette Motorcycles, Lingden Tricars and Cycles tyres supplied and repairs. He was also the first man to drive a car up The Wrekin possibly a Lingden Tricar. He also raced Scott Motorcycles, I'm not sure if in road racing, long distance trials or sprints. I seem to remember an article many years ago in the Shropshire Star about him driving the Tricar up The Wrekin. He was the son of a Davies family from Stoke-on-Trent, who manufactured china objects.

If anyone has any information, photos, cuttings out of newspapers etc I would be very interested.

I can be contacted on 01686 670626 or email derek.trow@talk21.com

DEREK TROW
Newtown

Labour party has a duty to question what Tories are doing

I FOUND the pictures of the leader of Her Majesty's opposition party in the Commons appearing to be slumped against a Virgin Trains lavatory cubicle a tad worrying. I found the explanation beyond worrying. There is a lot going on right now, and a lot that 'Jezza' should be questioning. But not from that position. It is essential that there a strong opposition in the house to question policy. Where Conservative MPs have to toe the line, Labour MPs have a duty to question and probe to eliminate rubbish concepts.

It appeared to me after watching some Labour-types on Newsnight their main concern is the nature of the party and not the future of the country. The general consensus is that they need an electable leader. Not so. First they need a party capable of being elected and functioning as a government and this means they must be able to do the job, which I very much doubt, and in opposition they need to understand the implications of government policy which they definitely cannot.

Sadly Mr Corbyn you should have been on that train working an audience; shaking hands, talking to people about their businesses. And while you were there telling them about Labour policy for agricultural subsidies, the forthcoming decimation of the NHS by Mrs May, unacceptable City practice, support for the young in renting property, and support for an infrastructure in Shropshire.

ROBIN LLOYD
Ellesmere

They want to trade with us

POLITICIANS keep telling us that by voting to leave the European Union we could lose access to the single market.

As the United Kingdom buys more from the EU than we spend they are not going to close the door on the UK or impose stringent trade tariffs which would be reciprocated.

Why should the UK be limited to selling to a market of 500 million people when around the world outside the EU there are bigger economies who wish to trade with the UK where the market size is billions and growing? The people of the UK have shown in the first chance they have had for 50 years to deliver a verdict on the EU and now EU leaders are getting worried that their elite club could collapse around them.

The German people are showing in local elections that the policies being followed by their government are not acceptable.

If the original Common Market had stayed as a free trade area then it would not be in the trouble it is now.

With EU unelected bosses now saying they are going to create a European army, navy, and air force they will expect the member states to fund these changes having made claims that the EU has kept the peace in Europe for over 40 years. Another false statement as they have conveniently forgotten the Bosnian War.

R KNIGHT
Newport

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tag system to beat criminals

FARMERS and landowners are being asked to register their details to the police as part of a new tracking scheme which aims to cut rural crime in Mid Wales.

Dyfed-Powys Police has set up GateTag in a bid to slash rural crime by providing farmers, growers and landowners with a number of serial numbered zip ties, which serve as a tracking system, to put on each gate that fronts onto a public roadway.

The system will help police when investigating damage to fencing, gates or hedges from vehicles involved in road traffic collisions, for stock control – to advise if any livestock have escaped or if someone else's stock has been temporarily secured in that particular field – and to help identify incidents of trespass.

GateTag will work in conjunction with the NFU Welshpool's Farm Watch Scheme by updating members should there be any thefts or suspicious activities occurring in the locality.

Farmers interested in the scheme should contact PCSO Gary Gwilt at Welshpool police station by calling 101 or emailing gary.gwilt@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

Church's ladies group to meet up

A CHURCH ladies group will hear a talk on poetry and spirituality at their next meeting which takes place next week in Oswestry.

The next meeting of St Oswald's Ladies Group will be open to everyone, organisers have said.

The event will be held on Monday next week.

The meeting of the ladies group will start at 7.30pm.

The event will be held in the Parish Centre in Oswestry, organisers have said.

The ladies group will welcome Canon Mark Pryce, who will be the speaker.

Councils band together over A&E location fight

Report by Sue Austin

THE continuing uncertainty over the future of A&E facilities in Shropshire is pitting community against community, civic dignitaries have warned.

Town councils on both sides of the Shropshire/Powys border have joined forces to call for more transparency over the Future Fit consultation where health services should be based and the cost of the process.

They hope other councils will join them.

At a meeting of the mayors and clerks of Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Welshpool and Newtown town councils, the four pledged to work together to ensure the best for patients in the region. They said there should be an equality of health services and access to them for all of Shropshire and into Mid Wales but, at the minimum that A&E services should be retained in Shropshire to reflect the rural and extensive hinterland.

People in Mid Wales look to Shropshire for their nearest hospital services.

David Preston, clerk of Oswestry Town Council, said: "Communities are pitting themselves against each other, against the back drop of concerns of process, uncertain timescale and lack of clarity in information." Those present requested that the Future Fit board outline its proposals and consultation plans for the future of A&E affecting Shropshire and Mid Wales and the impact on the wider health services.

A letter has also been sent to all Shropshire MPs asking them to petition the government for funding to retain both Telford and Shrewsbury A&E facilities, recognising the geographical and transport difficulties presented within such a rural county.

Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner launched a petition earlier this year in support of retaining A&E services in Shrewsbury.

Nurses are flying the flag for Britain

Claire Birch and Leonie Keeling show off their international uniforms as they prepare to represent Team GB

TWO Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital nurses are flying the Team GB flag after being selected to represent their country in European Championship competitions.

Leonie Keeling, a theatre scrub manager, is off to the European standard distance duathlon in Soria, Spain, at the end of April. That event sees her take on two 10km runs, with a 40km bike ride sandwiched in the middle.

Claire Birch, who is about to take up a new post as upper limb/hand practitioner, will be heading to Austria in June to compete in the European standard distance triathlon. The event sees her swim 1,500 metres, cycle 40kms and finish with a 10km run.

Leonie, 36, and from Cockshutt, near Shrewsbury, will be representing Team GB for the first time. She took up running non-competitively seven years ago, but only entered her first triathlon in April this year.

"I entered the Oulton Park Autumn Duathlon at the start of this month," she said/

"It was a last-minute decision and I'd never done a duathlon before, but I did well enough to make Team GB so I was delighted."

Claire, 42, said: "I have been competing in triathlons for more than 10 years now, and have been fortunate enough to represent GB on a few occasions. It is always an honour to put on the international kit."

Youth club in village 'not source of trouble'

PROBLEMS with anti-social behaviour in a village is not the fault of the youth club despite complaints from residents, a volunteer has said.

The behaviour of young people in St Martins has come under scrutiny from residents, with many pointing the finger of blame at the village's youth club.

Sue Heard, volunteer youth club leader at St Martins Club, said the criticism was "unfair and frustrating".

She said: "The other week I was told by someone in the village that they hate Friday nights because of the 'youth club kids'. I didn't like that comment at all because the children we have who come to youth club every week are so well behaved.

"That's not the reputation we want to have in the village. We can't force the children who are outside to come inside, that's the parents' responsibility to make sure their children do. In some cases are parents sure when they're dropping their children off for youth club that they're actually going inside?

"In the last year we've seen a drop in the number of children who come to youth club, we now only have about 15 children who come along.

"We also can't stop children from leaving during the evening.

"In the last few weeks a number of incidents have happened outside and thankfully the children were able to come inside as a place of safety."

Mrs Heard, who along with her husband Nick, have been running the youth club with the help of friends and fellow volunteers for 23 years, warns that if numbers continue to dwindle and the club isn't supported by villagers, it could fold.

The club runs every Friday at the St Martins Centre and offers a range of activities every week depending on what the children are interested in.

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Time may be up for area's public payphones

THEY have served towns and villages for decades – but now Shropshire's phone boxes could soon be sent to the scrapheap.

Shropshire Council is appealing for people to have their say on a proposal by BT to remove 214 public payphones around the county.

The council said whilst some communities will find that a payphone is of little or no use to them today, it would encourage careful consideration because the removal of the facility will be permanent.

Formal consultation runs until January, although the council urges individuals and groups to make their thoughts known ahead of an initial stock take on November 28.

There will then be a further chance for local communities to comment on the council's provisional view before the final decisions are made and sent to BT in January. The announcement comes following a series of closures in recent years. A number were taken out of use in February last year, although a number of communities kept their red boxes including Bushmoor and Acton Scott near Church Stretton, Easthope at Much Wenlock, and Prees and Ightfield near Whitchurch.

As the local planning authority, Shropshire Council has the right to object to the removal of phone boxes in any particular area. It is also able to demand that the physical structure of a kiosk be kept, event if the phone is removed, particularly if the box is of a traditional red design. Cecilia Motley, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for rural services and communities, said: "In addition to the advantages of having a working pay phone, many communities consider their phone box as a landmark and something they wish to preserve."

Fire bosses issue safety reminder after rave case

Report by Sue Austin

FIRE service bosses have reminded anyone planning an event to make sure appropriate safety measures are in place.

The warning comes as they described a basement used for an illegal rave as a "death trap" that could have led to huge loss of life.

The walls of the room below the Academy Skate Park at Rednal, near Oswestry, were covered in combustible material with people smoking inside, Guy Williams, group manager of Shropshire Fire and Rescue said. There were not enough exits, no fire detectors or alarms, no emergency lighting or exit signs and nothing had been done about an evacuation plan or training given to stewards.

Investigators discovered the room after Matthew Jones, 20, from Johnstown, fell ill during the Halloween event in October 2014. He later died in hospital.

Event organiser Crispin Wrigley, 39, from Cabin Lane, Oswestry, pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice and failing to comply with 16 fire safety regulations and two of breaches of licensing laws. He was given suspended jail sentences totalling 18 months.

Mr Williams said "The message to anyone who is thinking of organising an event is clear: get advice from the fire service. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service runs free business fire safety seminars across Shropshire that are aimed at helping people understand their fire safety responsibilities."

Shropshire Council's regulatory services operations manager, Karen Collier, added "This case should be seen as a clear warning to anyone who is planning an event."

Double role for support officers

Chief Inspector Adam Thomas and Rod Hammerton, right, with Steve Breese and Andy Neeves

AN initiative to train Police Community Support Officers as firefighters will help staff fire engines.

Shropshire's first Police Community Support Officers to become on-call firefighters – Andy Neeves and Steve Breese – passed out at a ceremony at Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury and both will now perform an emergency services dual role. Rod Hammerton, chief fire officer for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, said the initiative would assist the fire service moving forward.

"Training Police Community Support Officers as firefighters is a ground-breaking approach and makes a lot of sense," he said.

Mr Neeves, 34, who walks and cycles around Oswestry town centre as a PCSO, has already responded to more than 60 emergency fire calls since he started his dual role in March this year.

He said: "Working together like this will benefit both services and save money."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Organisation to hold fashion show

OSWESTRY & District Community Support Group will be staging an autumn fashion show on Thursday next week.

It will take place at Holy Trinity Church and doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are priced at £5 and are available from (01691) 679405 and from members. The show is presented by The Fashion Show Co. Ltd.

Meanwhile the support group is celebrating a cash boost. Chairman Peter Carkeet-James said: "Early in the summer we took the opportunity to take part in the Nationwide's Charity Nominations Scheme and were successful in becoming one of three local charities whose names were offered to Nationwide's customers for three months, in the hope of winning the nomination in our area.

"In due course another local charity was successful, but Nationwide have agreed to donate £100 to us towards our services in the Oswestry and District area. We take this opportunity to thank Nationwide for their contribution."

Rotary group to host open event

PEOPLE are being reminded Oswestry's newest rotary club is looking to attract more members to its growing number so it can expand further the work it does in the community.

An open evening will be held at the Wynnstay Hotel in the town by the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club to attract more members.

The open evening will take place on Thursday next week at 7.30pm.

Mike Lade from the group encouraged people to come to the open evening to find out more about the organisation.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Figures reveal 999 response levels

ALMOST 80 per cent of emergency calls for an ambulance in Wales received a response on scene within eight minutes in September, the latest statistics reveal.

Ambulance services statistics show there were 37,549 emergency calls, an average of 1,252 per day, 0.5 per cent up on the daily average for August 2016. The ambulance response time target was met every month in the first year of the clinical response model pilot, with half of emergency calls in September receiving a response in just over four and a half minutes. Every health board in Wales met the target for the fourth consecutive month for 65 per cent of Red calls to receive a response within eight minutes. Health Secretary Vaughan Gething said: "These are extremely positive figures. The new clinical response model is prioritising the most urgent calls and ensuring a rapid response where it's needed."

Fireworks treat at town venue

A FREE firework display will be held in Welshpool.

The display will be held at Maesydre Recreation Ground on Saturday. Organisers say gates will be open to the public at 6pm and the first firework will be lit at 7pm.

Welshpool town clerk Robert Robinson said: "Admission to the event will again be free of charge.

"However, a collection will be made for anyone wishing to make a donation towards the cost of the display.

"Please note there is no vehicular access to the site.

"The entry is via the canal path or Howell Drive."

Mr Robinson added: "There will be a bouncy castle, do-nuts, hot drinks and Rikki Lloyd will be providing hot food."

Consultation launched on waste site proposals

Report by Sue Austin

CONSULTATION on the future of five household waste and recycling centres has started, Powys County Council has announced.

The council is reviewing the five household waste and recycling centres as it looks to save £700,000 from the service from April 2017.

The consultation, which will close on November 30, is available online at www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay with paper copies available at local libraries shortly.

The council's cabinet gave the go-ahead last month to carry out a full consultation into the future of the centres, which are currently located in Welshpool, Brecon, Llandegley, Newtown and Ystradgynlais.

Residents are being consulted on a number of options including the closure of up to two sites, reducing the opening days of the sites, and potential charges for some waste such as soil and rubble, plasterboard and other DIY waste.

Cllr John Powell, cabinet member for waste and recycling, said: "We are facing unprecedented financial pressures as we look to save £29.8 million up until 2019.

"As part of our balanced three-year financial plan, which was approved by full council earlier this year, a number of savings proposals were put forward.

"One of the proposed savings is to reduce the amount of household waste and recycling centres in the county.

"The savings we need to make means that the level of service we currently have in place cannot be sustained.

"We face difficult decisions about their future.

"We want the views of residents on a number of options as we look to make the savings."

Good year for training officer Michael

Michael Ramsden with apprentices at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport

HOSPITALITY training officer Michael Ramsden will not forget the year 2016 in a hurry.

As well as being shortlisted as an Apprenticeship Awards Cymru finalist, the 29-year-old skilled chef was selected by Culinary Team Wales to compete at the prestigious Culinary Olympics in Germany.

Michael, who works for Welshpool-based Cambrian Training Company, lives in Cardiff and has his family roots in Llandrindod Wells, where he previously owned and sold a bistro and catering business.

He trains and develops young chefs, shares the latest cutting edge culinary techniques and finds them placements in award winning kitchens to boost their skills and experience.

Due to his passion for training, he has been shortlisted for the work-based Learning Assessor of the Year Award at this year's Apprenticeship Awards Cymru. Organised by the Welsh Government and the National Training Federation for Wales, the awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of individuals, employers and learning providers who have excelled in contributing to the development of the Welsh Government's Traineeships, Jobs Growth Wales and apprenticeship programmes.

Reports give a snapshot of council work

SNAPSHOTS of the work done by Powys County Councillors are now available for the public to look at.

Councillors' annual reports are now online and council bosses say the reports are a handy way of finding out more about the work of councillors.

Annual reports for 2015-16 produced by individual councillors can be found on their individual webpages by visiting Powys County Council's website www.powys.gov.uk and search for find your councillor.

When written, reports give a snapshot of a councillor's activities over the last year including membership of committees and attendances, issues taken up on behalf of constituents, development sessions attended and other activities. The reports were first introduced in 2012-13 as part of a Welsh Government initiative to strengthen local democracy.

The writing of reports is optional. However those councillors who do not wish to take up the option of writing a "full" report, will have a less detailed report agreed with them, which will give details of membership of committees, attendances and development sessions attended.

Society to hear from speakers

THE Welshpool Society holds its first meeting of the 2016-2017 season on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Corn Exchange of The Town Hall.

Three well-known local historians will give talks. Peter Barton will talk on a Welshpool connection to the murder of Piers Gaveston, Bob Silvester will talk on Montgomeryshire's earliest estate map and Roger Brown will talk on music at St Mary's Church from medieval to modern times. Admission is £2.50 and tea and coffee will be available.

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Staff at GHP Legal in Oswestry dressed up for the big pink day to support the cancer charity

Beauty students Poppy Gordon and Casey Williams were ready to provide treatments

Fundraisers have fun

FUNDRAISERS around Oswestry and Welshpool have once again supported Wear it Pink Day to support the Breast Cancer Now charity.

Among the fundraisers was Oswestry woman Irene Eke.

More than 20 years ago she was told she only had a 10 per cent chance of surviving her breast cancer.

But survive she did and since then she has supported the annual Wear it Pink Day

This year's Wear it Pink day was a double reason to celebrate for Irene, also marking 30 years as receptionist at GHP Legal in Willow Street. The 65-year-old had major breast surgery in 1993 when the mother of two teenagers, she was told how slim her chances of survival were. She had to endure months of chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

She said: "It was obviously difficult news to hear 22 years ago but I suppose you just have to get on with it. My two daughters were at college at the time and, having brought them up on my own I just had to be strong."

Auntie Irene, as she is known at work, cajoles her colleagues into coming into work in pink for the day, all of them paying into the charity for the privilege.

Irene says that treatments had developed hugely since she was ill and said events such as Wear it Pink were vital in raising funds for research.

Students from North Shropshire College's independent living skills department and hair and beauty department took part in raising money for Wear it Pink.

Cakes were made and sold as part of the fundraiser.

Beauty students provided treatments to staff and students for a small donation.

Sharon Cooper, curriculum area manager for commercial services and independent living skills, said it was great to see the college students get involved in such a worthwhile charity and they hoped to raise lots of money for the good cause.

Tasty cakes were made by students at North Shropshire College and sold to students and staff as part of the charity fundraiser

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Have a major crush on velvet

Commercial feature

We all want to keep up with the latest fashions when we are out enjoying ourselves in Oswestry and Welshpool –and from the catwalks to the high street, everyone's got a crush on velvet this season.

A little velvet dress can offer a contrasting style when you are out and about this season and can also offer an eye-catching look

A velvet jacket can catch the eye

The high street has embraced the touchable textile for autumn and, thankfully, it's not all gothic and gloomy.

Rich hues and modern cuts mean there's something for everyone to love about this season's softly-softly approach. Traditionally an eveningwear fabric, velvet now rules around the clock. Summer's pinafore and slip dresses have been reincarnated for the colder months – instead of layering over a white tee, a fine-guage knit is what you need – but there are still plenty of show-stopping frocks to choose from when soiree season comes around.

Up the ante on an LVD (little velvet dress, obviously) with sparkling accessories, or anchor your look around a jewel-toned midi dress and add a contrasting clutch and shoes. By day, a dark, loose-cut velvet blazer solves a ton of wardrobe conundrums, while wide-leg trousers are the perfect conduit to carry your lace-edged silk camis into winter. If soft tailoring isn't your sweet spot, the quick-fix way to channel velvety vibes is with a bomber jacket.

Equal parts sporty and sleek, plain black looks chic paired with side-stripe joggers or loose 'mom' jeans and trainers, while an embellished bomber makes a statement after dark. Velvet shoes fall into two camps this season, your dance floor essentials being Seventies-homage platform sandals - the higher the heel, the better. Boot-wise, the Sixties-inspired block heel is where it's at. Think burgundy, inky blue and bottle green hues - anything from ankle length to over-the-knee and you're on the right lines.

Meanwhile in other fashion hints, she looked super-glam at the red carpet premiere of the latest Dan Brown adaptation Inferno, but it's Felicity Jones' practical on-screen style we're hankering after right now. The Brit beauty's cool but classic parka, seen at the film's frantic climax, was specially designed for her by Italian sportswear brand Peuterey and is available now at Luisaviaroma.com, in khaki or black. This is one well-made winter coat that will last a lifetime.

And in other fashion news, following the success of its plus-size range in spring, River Island has unveiled RI Petite, aimed at women who are 5ft 3in and under. The 70-piece collection, available exclusively online from October 21, features many of the season's key trends - puffa coats, Victoriana details and a dash of sequins - with cuts and hems tailored to suit the petite figure.

And with their spindly limbs and plain weird poses, shop mannequins don't exactly reflect real life. But that's not the case at Long Tally Sally, where a mannequin based on a real customer has just been unveiled. In a British fashion industry first, the brand used 3D scanning and printing technology to create a model fashioned on Harriet Winters, who's an IT contractor, 6ft tall and size 14. And a last fashion hint – tights don't tend to be expensive, but when you think about the countless pairs that end up abandoned after just a few wears due to ladders, the costs can add up. New Couture Ultimates, on the other hand, are completely ladder-proof.

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Pub is in the running for top award

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The Bailey Head freehouse in Oswestry has been shortlisted in the first ever Hospitality Social Media Awards.

Husband and wife owners, Grace Goodlad and Duncan Borrowman, will find out on November 23 at an award presentation at The Palace Hotel, Manchester if they have won the national prize.

The pub specialises in constantly changing microbrewery real ales and craft beers, a large range of small batch gins, an extensive soft drinks range, and local Shropshire and Welsh simple food.

Mr Borrowman said: "After only being open for eight months it is fantastic to have been judged as one of the best pubs in the country for our social media. We use a number of online media to keep our customers informed of what we have on, including a website, Facebook, Twitter, Mailchimp and more recently Instagram. It is increasingly important in the 21st century that we keep in touch with our customers through social media."

Spiritual centre set to meet again

OSWESTRY Spiritual Centre will host a night with a difference this evening (Thursday).

The group will welcome Emily Baker from Ludlow who is a medium and psychic artist.

The group meets at the Cambrian Room at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry.

The event runs from 7.30pm to 9pm and the cost is £3.50.

Hospital team helps out patient with proposal

Report by Sue Austin

GETTING down on one knee to propose proved one step too far for Andrew Estcourt.

The 44-year-old, who had had surgery for bone cancer at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, popped the question to his girlfriend Selina Lawton at his bedside – and she said yes.

Staff at the hospital helped Mr Estcourt prepare for the occasion, gathering friends and family around him and helping him buy flowers. He decided to propose at the orthopaedic, where he was having surgery to remove a rare tumour from his sciatic nerve.

He said: "Originally my GP said that I had pulled a muscle in my leg, but because it kept hurting I kept going to the doctors.

"It turned out to be a bone tumour which needed to be removed immediately. I ended up at the orthopaedic and I cannot fault the care I had. I still wanted to propose to Selina, so I had to get my son to bring the ring to the hospital. I turned to her and asked her if she would do me the honour of being my wife.

"She was knocked back a bit really, but instantly she said 'of course I will'. I had this whole proposal speech planned out but I ended up just blurting it out."

Donna St John, ward manager of Oswald Ward, where Andrew, from Winterley in Cheshire, was a patient said: "It was such a change to the usual requests you get from our tumour patients.

"But when he told the team he wanted to propose they leapt into action.

"Luckily she agreed and they will hopefully have a fantastic life as husband and wife."

Andrew Estcourt and Selina Lawton after the proposal at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hillfort will be subject of talk

THE next meeting of Oswestry and Border History & Archaeology Group will take place on Friday next week.

The meeting will be at the town's Memorial Hall at 7.30pm, where Shropshire archaeologist Shelagh Hampton will talk on 'understanding hillforts'.

The talk will cover 'structured deposits', items which have been deliberately buried, probably for ritual purposes, of the later prehistoric period in Shropshire.

Many of these deposits have been recovered from 'watery locations', such as rivers, lakes and bogs.

New members and visitors are welcome to attend the meeting.

More information of Oswestry & Border History & Archaeology Group's lectures is available from Oswestry Library and www.oswestry.histarch.uk.

Alternatively people can contact the membership secretary on (01691) 653355 for more information about the group.

Bonfire night to be a real cracker

OSWESTRY'S annual bonfire and fireworks display will take place on Saturday from 6pm at Brogyntyn Park.

The event, organised by Oswestry Town Council and the Treble Niners, is now into its second decade and has raised more than £40,000 for good causes. Extra fireworks have been bought for this year and organisers have promised the biggest display in memory. Entrance is £5 for adults and £1 for children. John Davies, leader of the Treble Niners, said "The atmosphere is always most enjoyable and, by bringing the community together, we help raise funds for good causes and those less fortunate."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Warning is given over hoax 999 calls

AMBULANCE crews have been sent to deal with more than 30 calls in Shropshire which have turned out to be a hoax over the past two years, according to new figures.

Data released under the Freedom of Information Act shows paramedics were sent on 34 hoax calls since 2014 – with last year seeing 16 hoax calls.

The data shows that West Midlands Ambulance Service had 15 hoax calls in 2014, 16 the following year and just three to date this year. It is thought there will be more calls which are a hoax but can't be confirmed as such.

Bosses urged people to think long and hard before making a hoax call, warning in the worst case scenario it could lead to another patient's death. They said any hoax call meant vital resources were not able to respond to genuine 999 calls.

Rotarians lead fight against polio

ROTARY clubs across Shropshire have taken part in a series of events to raise awareness of polio across the world.

Clubs in Shropshire, Staffordshire and parts of the West Midlands are supporting a nationwide initiative called Purple4Polio.

Rotary clubs are planting thousands of purple crocus corms to transform public spaces and brighten up local communities.

The colour purple has been chosen as it represents the colour of the dye which is placed on the little finger of a child on mass immunisation days when millions of children in entire countries are protected against the disease.

Rotarian John Sayer, who leads the Rotarians in Shropshire, Staffordshire and parts of the West Midlands, said there had been promising steps in the polio battle with just 27 cases of polio recorded worldwide so far this calendar year.

Motorcyclist campaigns for a spotlight ban after collision

A MOTORCYCLIST is campaigning for the banning of spotlights on agricultural vehicles on the roads after saying he was blinded by one on a tractor.

Chris Lee, from Oswestry, lost control of his bike on the A49 near Dorrington and was taken to hospital with wrist and neck injuries.

Still in a collar after the accident which happened on October 14, Mr Lee says he is lucky to be alive.

He has appealed for help in tracing the passers-by who came to his aid in the crash so that he can thank them.

Mr Lee, 29, left home at about 7pm for his job in security and was riding along the A49 south of Shrewsbury.

"A tractor came towards me with not only its headlights but its spotlights on," he said.

"It was a huge vehicle and I was blinded by the lights.

"When I could see again I was on a bend and the bike just went from under me."

He says that he was extremely lucky to have hit the grass rather than the road surface.

He said he was also lucky the bike did not end up trapping him.

"My first thought was to get my bike off the road but a chap stopped and did that for me," he said. "Then two army cadet instructors stopped.

"They were both medics and, although at the time I thought I had only hurt my wrist, they immobilised me.

"It is a good job they did because when I got to hospital it turned out that I had neck injuries.

"I am now at home but I am in a collar and I have numbness in my arm and leg."

He said he had only bought the motorcycle seven weeks ago and was now facing a big repair bill. Mr Lee, who has two children and who's partner is expecting a daughter in a few weeks, said he wanted to trace others who stopped at the scene.

He said: "I have managed to track down the men and have been able to thank them for what they did for me. I have also found the paramedics. But I would really like to find the two or three ladies who helped me and telephoned my family, including my partner's. I would love to be able to say thank you to them."

He says the accident, the second involving a motorcyclist on the A49 on that day, has shown how dangerous spotlights can be.

"Cars have to dip their headlights for oncoming vehicles," he said.

"But I understand that many of these tractors don't have the ability to dip the spotlights. I think they should be banned from using the lights on the road and stick only to headlights which can be dipped. Those spotlights are designed for working in the fields."

Chris Lee from Oswestry in hospital after his accident in which he says he was blinded by a tractor's spotlight

Firms set to give hints on new careers

TWO award-winning companies are opening their doors to parents and young people in an aim to highlight the varied careers available to young people in Powys.

Hugely successful local enterprises Dawson Shanahan and Makefast Ltd, who both have highly valued apprenticeship programmes, will be holding open evenings.

Welshpool-based Dawson Shanahan will hold its event on Tuesday next week with Makefast Ltd's open evening taking place on Thursday next week in Newtown. Doors will be open on both evenings from 4.30pm to 6pm and guests are encouraged to register beforehand at www.mwmg.org. The event has been arranged by Mid Wales Manufacturing Group as part of its Futureproofing Engineering Project, supported by Powys County Council.

Councillor Avril York, Powys County Council's cabinet member for regeneration, said: "The engineering sector in Powys employs over 5,000 people. To help futureproof this vital sector, we need to ensure a pipeline of young people that are able to support it.

"By showcasing the type of jobs and the apprenticeship opportunities that are available locally, we can help to stimulate interest in the engineering sector."

Dawson Shanahan designs, prototypes and precision engineers metal components for use in a wide range of industries around the world including automotive, aerospace and many more. The company's paid apprenticeship programme provides committed young people with the skills, knowledge and experience to accelerate their career in the exciting world of engineering.

Apprentices work alongside industry professionals learning about the theoretical and practical side of engineering. The apprenticeship training programme lasts three to four years and offers the opportunity to achieve nationally recognised engineering qualifications.

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Business leader gives airport view

Report by Mark Andrews

A BUSINESS leader in Shropshire has welcomed the decision to expand Heathrow Airport – but said it was now time for Birmingham Airport to up its game too.

Chief executive of Shropshire Chamber of Commerce Richard Sheehan said he was disappointed the recent airport announcement by the Government made no reference to Birmingham.

Mr Sheehan said the chamber was committed to lobbying for the expansion of Birmingham Airport, which he said was crucial to the economic development of the county.

Last week the Government gave the go-ahead for a third runway to be built at Heathrow, despite fierce opposition within the Conservative Party.

Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson has already voiced his objections to plans for Heathrow, and Richmond Park MP Zac Goldsmith immediately announced he would resign his seat in protest.

Mr Sheehan said the decision about Heathrow was long overdue, and would benefit businesses in Shropshire.

But he said the Government also needed to look beyond London, and improve links between airports in the capital, Birmingham and Manchester.

"The development of Heathrow as a central hub is a vital part of our infrastructure investment, and it is seriously overdue," he said.

"We are a long way behind other countries in the development of our aviation infrastructure, and with our changing European status, it is important that we catch up.

"The important thing is that we get our goods and services out into the rest of the world as quickly and efficiently as possible, and it is important that we have the right infrastructure for that." Mr Sheehan said he knew many business people in Shropshire who regularly used Heathrow Airport, and he believed the third runway would deliver a boost to the county's economy. He added: "Birmingham Airport is clearly a very important airport in terms of the West Midlands, and it is capable of delivering an awful lot more."

Richard Sheehan of Shropshire Chamber of Commerce

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Hospital handovers causing concerns

ROYAL Shrewsbury Hospital had the most patients waiting for more than an hour to be transferred from ambulances to the hospital in September across the West Midlands, new figures show.

Figures released by West Midlands Ambulance Service show 98 patients had to wait more than one hour before being handed over to hospital staff after arriving by ambulance last month.

This compares to just one at Birmingham Childrens Hospital and nearly three times as many as the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford, which had 38 waits of more than an hour.

The longest wait recorded at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital was two hours, 43 minutes and 29 seconds, health bosses have said.

Care company has vacancies to fill

OSWESTRY people looking for employment as a live-in care worker are being invited to contact a care provider in the area.

Abacare has more than 100 vacancies to fill and is looking to employ more live-in care workers.

Peter Angelides, CEO of Abacare, which provides care around the area, said: "We are able to provide 24-hour live-in support to anyone who may require it so we are keen to employ and train new live-in care workers as part of our recruitment drive.

"The role of a live-in care worker includes providing support to service users and assisting them with personal care, washing, dressing, medication administration and domestic work. They will be living in the service user's home and helping them maintain their independence. We are looking for people who are committed, reliable and caring. Anyone interested should give our office a call on (01686) 625644."

Couple's fundraising efforts boosted at big birthday bash

A HUSBAND and wife have raised £1,000 for the Stroke Association.

Stroke survivor Scott Marston, 39, and his wife Andrea from Oswestry presented the charity with the cheque of the funds raised at Andrea's recent 30th birthday party, when the couple organised a raffle and encouraged friends and family to donate.

They were inspired to fundraise for the Stroke Association after Scott had a stroke in November 2015, at the age of 38.

Formerly the owner of a car body repair centre, Scott has been unable to return to work. Although he is on the road to recovery, Scott's stroke has left him with fatigue and partial vision in his left eye.

Andrea said: "Scott's stroke not only changed his life, it turned the family's world upside down.

"We've been lucky to have received amazing support from our family and friends. The Princess Royal Hospital stroke team were so helpful and put us in touch with the Stroke Association. The charity's support and guidance inspired us to raise funds to help other people like Scott get the support that they need.

"We were totally overwhelmed with the amount raised and want to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed, including all the local businesses who donated to our raffle. I'm now planning to hold another fundraising event in the future where we can hopefully raise even more vital funds." Georgina Lawrence, community and events fundraiser at the Stroke Association, said: "With around 152,000 strokes in the UK each year, it's vital we have people like Scott and Andrea to help raise vital funds.

"We're incredibly grateful to them both for raising such an amazing amount for the Stroke Association; the money will go a long way in helping to support people who are living with the effects of stroke, as well as their families and carers."

Andrea and Scott Marston present Georgina Lawrence from the Stroke Association with the cheque for £1,000

Local businesses supported the raffle, including Balloonatics, Phil Morris Racing, Gobowen Autocare, British Ironwork Centre, Ethels Car and Van hire, The Beauty Lounge, The Last Inn, Stans Superstore, Graham Marston, Newtown Football Club and Fix Auto Oswestry.

The Stroke Association provides an information, advice and support service in Shropshire.

Dating apps allegations are revealed

INVESTIGATIONS have been launched into offences such as sexual assault, blackmail and harassment involving people using dating apps such as Tinder and Grinder.

West Mercia Police probed allegations in Shropshire that also included rape and distribution of an indecent image of a child when apps were mentioned in the incident log.

But officers only managed to charge a suspect in one of the 10 cases between 2015 and the end of September – a harassment investigation in 2015 – according to data revealed under the Freedom of Information Act.

According to the figures, three of the investigations are still ongoing while in two cases the victim withdrew their support for police action and the case was closed.

In two of the cases, no suspect was identified and in another it was decided by police that further investigations to gather evidence to support formal action against a suspect was not in the public interest.

Julie Garbett, manager for independent charity Victim Support in the West Midlands said: "Crimes committed through online dating apps are just as serious as any other type of crime and can have a devastating and long lasting impact on people's lives.

"We know that online crime is hugely under-reported, which means thousands of victims continue to suffer in silence.

"Victims need to have confidence that if they choose to report a crime, no matter how minor it might seem that they will be taken seriously and any investigative leads, explored thoroughly."

A spokesman for West Mercia Police said: "West Mercia Police is committed to protecting people from harm in all aspects of their lives. In the case of internet dating we would direct people to the Get Safe Online website which includes comprehensive advice, beginning with only using sites which are members of the Online Dating Association and bound by their code of conduct."

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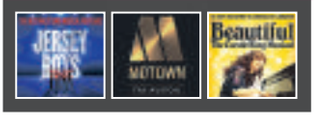

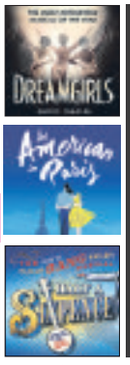

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Business topic of day-long event

Report by Naomi Penrose

ADVICE on apprenticeships, export and digital marketing are all on offer at a special business support event in Oswestry.

The Marches Growth Hub, which provides a single point of access to business support information in the region, is hosting the day-long session on Thursday next week to coincide with the UKTI Exporting Week.

It will be held at Oswestry Cricket Club and feature seven guest speakers.

Paul Hinkins, chairman of the Marches Growth Hub, said: "This will be the third outreach event the team from Marches Growth Hub Shropshire has organised following seminars and workshops in Bridgnorth and Bishops Castle which proved to be very useful to businesses.

"Although all the advice and support we can offer is available online via the Marches Growth Hub, our helpline, or at one of the physical hubs, we hope that the outreach day will highlight to businesses in the Oswestry area what help is available to them and allow them to tap into the wealth of support that is out there.

"The sessions will tackle a variety of issues that are relevant to businesses and equip them with the knowledge they need to help their organisations grow and thrive.

"And the special tie-in with the Department of International Trade will be invaluable to people wanting to explore and develop new markets overseas."

Guest speaker Norman Rikunenko will focus on how trade benefits the UK economy and why businesses should be exporting. He will also be examining the perceived barriers to exporting and how DiT can help.

Paul Hinkins, chairman of the Marches Growth Hub, said the Oswestry session will be useful for businesses

As part of the Marches Growth Hub's #GetDigital campaign, Hatcher Solicitors will be speaking on the legal aspects of social media which employers should be considering and West Mercia Police will be addressing business concerns about the dangers of digital footprints.

The Marches Growth Hub has a comprehensive business support website at www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk and an inquiry line on 0345 6000 727.

Employment boost thanks to company's innovation

Per Lindstrand's Oswestry firm is a world leader in the inflatable fabric industry

Per Lindstrand is well known for his adventures with Richard Branson

UP to 10 new jobs are set to be created by entrepreneur and adventurer Per Lindstrand who is creating the largest inflatable fabric building in the world at his Oswestry balloon business.

Mr Lindstrand said his firm Lindstrand Technologies Ltd is building the hangar for Goodyear's ambitious airship Wingfoot operation in Long Beach in California.

Mr Lindstrand is one of the world's foremost experts on inflatable structures and set the world distance record in lighter-than-air travel when he and Richard Branson crossed the Pacific in a balloon emblazoned with the Virgin logo.

Mr Lindstrand was the first man to fly a hot air balloon across both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and to the edge of space.

His 1988 world altitude record flight to 20,000 metres lasted for 16 years.

He said: "The hangar is 107 metres long, 32 metres wide and 25 metres high.

"It will take 30,000 square metres of fabric to build it and will be delivered in June 2017.

"It will be for Goodyear's forthcoming third airship – Wingfoot Three.

"The falling value of the pound has been good for us.

"I have a full order book, it makes it so much cheaper for us to deal with firms overseas – 100 per cent of our business is export now.

"We are living in very interesting times and people are prepared to pay for my design projects. After a very low period in 2011, by 2014 we had turned things around and now I have the highest number of orders I have ever had in my life.

"I've increased the number of staff here from 20 to 40 over the past year and I expect to reach 50 employees by the end of this year."

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Actress offers her support to couple in army inquiry fight

Doreen and Des James want an inquiry into the culture at Deepcut Barracks

Des James receives his Liberty award from Vanessa Redgrave at the ceremony in London

Report by Sue Austin

ACTRESS Vanessa Redgrave has pledged to support the family of Cheryl James in their call for a public inquiry into a culture of bullying at the Deepcut army barracks.

The movie star, who is well known for her political activism, presented Des James with a human rights award at a ceremony in London.

She then chatted to him backstage to ask how she could help with the next stage of getting justice for four young soldiers found dead at the Surrey barracks.

Mr James, from Llanymynech near Oswestry, said he had been overwhelmed.

"I had no idea that Miss Redgrave would be presenting our award," he said.

"She has asked me to get in touch with her and keep her informed."

Mr James and his wife Doreen have been seeking answers since their daughter died on November 27, 1995 – just days after her 18th birthday.

Mr James told the annual Liberty awards ceremony: "She was my daughter. I loved her immensely. I am very, very proud of her. She was confident, opinionated, noisy, funny, free-spirited, curious and beautiful. She loved animals. She loved her friends. She loved her family. When she decided to join the Army, we supported her."

A second inquest, held this year, found Cheryl had taken her own life.

Mr James told the Liberty event he was surprised and disappointed at the verdict.

Mr and Mrs James said they would continue to push for an inquiry into the culture at the barracks during the time the four young soldiers died. He said Deepcut had cast a "long shadow" over the reputation of the British Army.

Teenage army recruit Cheryl James

Cheryl James was one of four young recruits who died at Deepcut Barracks

Jobs go after charity has to close its doors

A CHARITY that has helped thousands experiencing relationship problems has gone in to liquidation, with the loss of 72 jobs.

The former Marriage Guidance organisation Relate has ceased trading in Shropshire.

Dozens of volunteers have also been told they have lost their roles in the Shropshire, Herefordshire and North Staffordshire branch of the charity.

The charity has offices in the heart of Shrewsbury from where it ran its counselling services.

Relate's charity shops in Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Church Stretton, Wellington, Ellesmere, Wem and Market Drayton have also all closed.

Official liquidators have now been called in.

"This is a very sad time for all of us," said centre manager, Sandie Dent.

"A total of 72 staff have been made redundant as part of the closure process. This is, of course, a very difficult time for all of us who are affected and we're extremely grateful for everyone's cooperation and professionalism. We're doing everything we can to support the staff, including working with the local Job Centre." Most of the staff who have lose their jobs were part-time employees. They include 42 counsellors, 11 trainers, 11 shop managers and eight office support staff. Around 40 volunteers were also involved in staffing its shops.

Ms Dent said: "The centre's finances are subject to an ongoing liquidation process, and it would be inappropriate to speculate on figures at this time. Of course everything possible was done to turn around our fortunes but it was just not possible to stay open any longer."

Lord Archer to talk on book

NOVELIST and former politician Jeffrey Archer will be visiting the Oswestry area to promote his new book.

The 74-year-old has seen the seventh and final instalment of his number one best seller series, Clifton Chronicles, published this week and he will be visiting Shropshire as part of the promotion.

Lord Archer will be at Moreton Hall School near Oswestry on Thursday evening next week for the event, which is being held in conjunction with Booka Bookshop.

He will talk about the final instalment in the Clifton Chronicles series, This Was a Man, but says he is happy to answer any questions the audience might have. "It's no holds barred," he said. The other six books in the series have gone to number one in the charts and Lord Archer said people always enjoy a good tale.

He said: "When you look at the true greats like Dickens or du Maurier, what they have in common is great story telling. I may not be a prize winner, but how many prize winners still have people reading their books a year or so after their award?"

He said his characters and storylines were based in some ways on his own personal experiences.

"I always tell people to write about what they know," he said.

Runner to raise cash for hospital

KEVIN Harrison might live in Barbados but he will be running the New York Marathon at the weekend to raise money for a hospital in his home county.

Originally from Bayston Hill, near Shrewsbury, the chartered surveyor decided to raise money for Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital after his mum's partner, Mike Wason, was treated there for nerve damage to his spine.

"I just had to do something to recognise how well the hospital cared for Mike" he said. "I've always enjoyed running, and to be able to do it for a worthy cause like this just makes it even better. Training here in Barbados has been a bit gruelling with the heat. We've had to run in the middle of the night to be cool enough, even then it can be in the high 20s. New York should be pleasantly cool so it should be good.

"The whole family is travelling out to New York this year to see me run."

Anyone who wants to sponsor Kevin can do so at www.justgiving.com/rjah

Mike Peters with Sherie Soper from Borderland Rotary Club

Oswestry Cambrian Rotary members enjoyed a river trip in Shrewsbury

Jason Amyes receives the cheque from David Davies

Rotarians kept busy

Dave Andrews told rotarians about the Oswestry Round

Members of the Oswestry St John Ambulance unit receive their rotary cheque

Rotarians gave a cheque to Leonard Cheshire Disability

Criftins School took part in the rotary's LifeLine event

Rotary Club of Oswestry president Ian Haigh and Jools Payne

ROTARY clubs in Oswestry have been busy with activities and meetings in recent months.

Report by Naomi Penrose

Cambrian Rotarians took time to enjoy a leisurely meal in The Armoury in Shrewsbury then walked across the road to the Sabrina Boat at the Welsh Bridge.

They enjoyed a three-hour trip up and down the River Severn.

A recent speaker at Oswestry Rotary Club was celebrated local author Dave Andrews, author of the book "The Oswestry Round" and creator of the Oswestry Round Challenge, a 33-mile circular walk centred on Oswestry as described in the book.

The first organised Oswestry Round Big Walk event took place in June when walkers were invited to attempt the route as a one or two day challenge.

Borderland Rotary Club members heard about the work of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association at a recent meeting. The group is the national charity offering lifelong help to any current or ex-member of the armed services and their families.

Mike Peters, the local branch treasurer and caseworker, told rotary members something of the association's activities.

Oswestry Welcomes Refugees volunteer Jools Payne was the speaker at a recent Rotary Club of Oswestry meeting.

Inspiring her audience with her enthusiasm for the support that the five Syrian refugee families, now arrived in Oswestry, had received from the town's organisations and community, Jools said that they are now working at settling into their new lives having fled their old Syrian lives in Homs with only the clothes that they stood up in and a backpack each.

The Rotary Club of Oswestry has been distributing money raised by this summer's street and supermarket collection with three more local charities receiving donations from the public collection.

Oswestry St John Ambulance unit manager Jason Amyes was delighted to receive a cheque from club treasurer David Davies.

"Our unit is saving up for an easy-up tent to provide shelter for members when in attendance at events around Oswestry." said Jason.

President Ian Haigh and Mike Griffiths, chair of community services, enjoyed a visit to Leonard Cheshire Disability, charity provider of care and support to people with physical and learning disabilities, at Dolywern where they met a residents group.

Receiving their cheque for the residents' activities fund, Sylvia Jones their activities co-ordinator, said: "This is very welcome. Thanks to the people of Oswestry this will pay for some extras such as art and craft materials, entertainment and parties that the residents enjoy so much."

The final presentation was to Gill Barrow of the Shropshire Deaf and Hard of Hearing Forum. "We will certainly put this to good use as we are always looking for funding towards our running costs." she said.

The forum works within Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin to be a voice for all those with a hearing impairment.

The Rotary Club of Oswestry's annual LifeLine event, for Year 6 pupils from primary schools in and around Oswestry, was held at the showground at Park Hall.

A total of 410 children from 25 schools took part in a half day's experience learning about social awareness and personal safety in the situations that they could meet as they move up into secondary education.

A well-established annual event, the children received training delivered by professionals such as the police, British Transport Police, fire service, coastguard and St John Ambulance together with rotary volunteers and friends.

The NSPCC and the NFU also supported the event.

Issues included bullying, road safety, farm danger, cycling safety and internet dangers.

A session was visited by The High Sheriffs of both Shropshire and Powys, Christine Holmes and Ann Tudor, Rotary District 1180 Governor Molly Youd and Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner.

Celebrating volunteering during her year in office, Shropshire High Sheriff Christine Holmes recognised that the experience, organised by rotary volunteers, addressed the needs of the younger community.

She said: "I am lucky to be invited to see all of you so excited, learning and asking questions."

She presented medals to that morning's teams from Criftins and Oswestry's Holy Trinity schools.

Any primary school in the Oswestry area, including Powys, that wasn't involved this year and would like to take part in this event next September should email Oswestry Rotary Club on rotarycluboswestry@gmail.com when the available opportunities can be discussed.

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The lounge has a stone fireplace housing a multi fuel stove and a box bay window to the front. There is also a study which overlooks the frontage and a cloakroom/WC. The kitchen/breakfast room has an extensive range of floor and wall units, ample work surfaces, tiled splash surfaces, tiled flooring, a useful under stairs store, built-in appliances incorporating a double electric oven, gas hob, extractor hood and fridge/freezer. The utility includes a sink and a door to the outside.

The dining room has double doors opening out to the rear patio.

Stairs from the entrance hall lead to the first floor landing. The master bedroom has a pair of double doored built-in fitted wardrobes and an ensuite shower room with a fully tiled cubicle having a plumbed shower fitting, low-flush WC and pedestal wash hand basin.

Bedroom two has a double built-in wardrobe, while bedroom three has a single door built-in wardrobe and bedroom four has a double door built-in wardrobe.

Fitted with a modern P-shaped bath, the bathroom has a plumbed shower fitting and screen, low flush WC, a vanity wash hand basin and complementary wall tiling.

Outside is a double drive approach off the head of the cul-de-sac which enables ample on-site parking and access to the garage.

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CHURCHSTOKE
£225,000

Highgrove, 6 Maes Chwarae, comprises a highly desirable detached bungalow set on a popular residential development within walking distance of the pleasant rural village of Churchstoke.

It is on the market through Halls at £225,000. It occupies an elevated and good sized plot, having the benefit of a private generous tarmacadam driveway which leads to the detached double garage. The gardens are situated to the front and rear of the property and are of good proportions being designed for ease of maintenance. The internal accommodation is generous and well-laid out and offers a good sized kitchen/breakfast room with utility off. The dining room has patio doors to the rear gardens and double doors to the large entrance hall. The sitting room is situated next to the dining room and is of generous size.

The sleeping accommodation is situated to the

front of the property and offers a master bedroom with en-suite dressing area and shower room as well as a double guest bedroom with bay window and built-in wardrobes and bedroom three which is also a double room. The family bathroom is accessed from the inner hallway.

Purchasers should note that the large loft space offers potential for conversion into further living accommodation, subject to the necessary consents.

Highgrove is an adaptable property ideal for a family or as a retirement home. The agents strongly recommend an inspection. Highgrove is located close to the centre of the village of Churchstoke.

The place name identifies it as a farm (or settlement) with a church. It was recorded as 'Cristoc' in the 1086 Domesday Book.

For more information contact Halls on 01938 555552.

Bungalow is within walking distance to town amenities

OSWESTRY
£154,950 >>>

A spacious two bedroomed detached bungalow, 33 Walford Road in Oswestry comes with a carport and garage and is within easy walking distance to the town centre.

The property is on the market through JJ Dell&Co with a guide price of £154,950 and there is no chain. The home has an entrance hall, sunroom, lounge, kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms. The property benefits from gas central heating and upvc double glazing. The home is located on Walford Road which is a popular residential area and only a few minutes walking distance into the town's shopping centre and local shops and facilities in Cabin Lane.

To the rear there is a paved seating area, low maintenance garden bordered with flowers and shrubs, a garden shed, and views over Oswestry and beyond.

For more information call JJ Dell&Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

Farmhouse enjoys views across the Ceiriog Valley

PANDY
£545,000 <<<

A detached farmhouse with a 2.9 acre paddock, Pont Y Meibion, Llanarmon Road, Pandy, comes with four bedrooms, a lounge with an inglenook fireplace and views across Ceiriog Valley.

Also having a substantial range of two storey Grade II listed slate former agricultural buildings with conversion potential, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £545,000. It also has a substantial second two storey stone building, ancillary timber and stone build stores and open fronted secure implement/vehicle store. Pont Y Meibion comprises of a detached farmhouse affording four bedrooms, lounge with inglenook fireplace, kitchen/ breakfast room, oil-fired central heating and UPVC double glazing.

Set in an elevated site off the road, it also has a large concrete yard approached via the sloping drive fronting the property.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595.

Property includes two separate homes and lawned gardens

TREFLACH

£425,000 <<<

This superb detached residence in Oak Lane, Treflach is a high spec self build consisting of a spacious three double bedroomed home plus a detached triple garage with a self-contained apartment.

It is for sale through Town & Country at £425,000.

The property sits in landscaped grounds with lawned gardens and extensive parking. Situated in a tucked away location in the pretty village of Treflach, all amenities are close by with Oswestry town a five minute drive away.

The property offers great scope for two families with adaptable accommodation. The property has been built to a very high standard by the present owners and includes superb insulation, high specification fixtures and fittings along with Cat 5 wiring installed.

All rooms are decorated immaculately with carpeting and flooring being in 'as new' condition.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.

House in a tranquil hill location with 11 acres

CREW GREEN

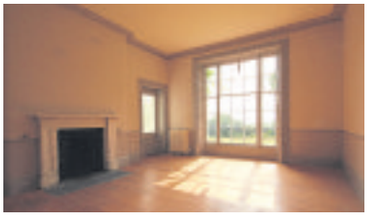
£775,000

A charming house in a tranquil location set on Bausley Hill with around 11 acres of woodland and paddocks, Bausley Hill Farm at Crew Green has outstanding views across Shropshire.

It is for sale through Balfours at £775,000.

It has a dining hall, sitting room, study, kitchen, garden room, a ground floor bedroom with an en-suite shower room, four further bedrooms, a large bathroom, large shower room, a double garage, handling barn, gardens, mature and established woodland and paddocks.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.



Superb country house has lawns and tennis court

A fully restored Georgian country house adjoining parkland and open countryside, Pen-y-Llan Hall on the edge of Oswestry is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £1,250,000.

It has a vestibule, entrance hall, inner hall, drawing room, study, morning room, dining room, conservatory, cloakroom/WC,

OSWESTRY

£1,250,000

sitting room, playroom, kitchen, utility room, pantry and cellars. It also has a master bedroom with dressing room and en-suite bathroom, four further bedrooms all en-suite, bedroom six, dressing room, two attic rooms, a bathroom, detached former annexe with planning permission for a workshop, stores, kitchen, cloakroom/WC, garaging and domestic buildings.

There are lawned gardens and a tennis court and woodland of around 2.8 acres.

Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.

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Majority still want to own their own home

The majority of British people still want to own a home and they aspire to having their own property not purely for financial reasons, new research has found.

Some 72 per cent of adults want to be home owners in two years' time and 80% hope to own in 10 years' time which is broadly in line with the 30 year average sentiment, according to the research from the Council of Mortgage Lenders as part of its long running series on attitudes to housing.

But the report by CML chief economist Bob Pannell, based on a survey undertaken on behalf of the CML by YouGov, also reveals some less predictable findings. These include how people perceive part ownership, and who they think should be helping young people who face affordability hurdles.

In particular, the research confirms that partial home ownership through shared ownership or shared equity is regarded as a good idea by around half of all respondents, around five times the proportion who see it as a bad idea.

Indeed, more people see part ownership as a stepping stone to full ownership than as a permanent tenure in its own right and in addition, a majority of people regardless of their own circumstances feel that it is harder than it has ever been for young people to buy their own home. If those who believe it is very difficult are included, the proportion rises to 85%.

Overall 75% believe action is necessary to help first time buyers. Predominantly, people see the Government as having a responsibility, but mortgage lenders, house builders and local authorities are also widely regarded as having a role. In terms of the specific measures favoured by those advocating action, special incentives to save for deposits were favoured by more than half and topped the list, closely followed by introducing subsidies for all first time buyers. Over a third favoured the measures of abolishing stamp duty, reintroducing mortgage interest tax relief, and requiring developers to discount prices of some new homes, among others.

According to CML director general Paul Smee the findings give rise to some searching questions for the industry and Government, not least, how far it is possible to balance the tension between aspiration and achievability, which continues to be a feature of the UK's relationship with home ownership and whether tenure neutrality should be the ultimate policy aspiration.

The research also found that people see the value of home ownership as not purely financial. In fact, the two most popular reasons for valuing home ownership are seen as having the freedom to do what you want, and knowing that once the mortgage is repaid, the property is yours. Seeing the property as an investment or an asset, or a mortgage as cheaper than renting, are cited less strongly.

Virtually no existing home owners wish to have a different tenure in the future and private tenants generally appear to view their position as a temporary state.

Some 56 per cent of private renters would like to own within the next two years and 71 per cent aspire to own within 10 years. Only 26 per cent of existing private tenants would prefer to be renting in two years' time, and 15 per cent in 10 years' time.

Lending figures hit highest level since September 2007

The home lending market in the UK has not been affected by Brexit with the latest figures showing that gross mortgages reached £20.5 billion in September.

This was the highest September lending figure recorded by the Council of Mortgage Lenders since 2007 and was 2 per cent higher than September 2015 but it was 7 per cent lower than August's lending total of £22.1 billion. It means that gross mortgage lending for the third quarter of 2016 was an estimated £63.6 billion, 11 per cent higher than the second quarter of this year and 4% higher than the third quarter of 2015.

"Remortgage activity looks set to grow, helped by attractively priced mortgage deals encouraging borrowers to refinance. Prospects for house purchase activity continue to look slightly subdued, when compared to the same period a year ago,' said CML senior economist Mohammad Jamei.

"Despite this, housing market sentiment continued to improve in September, after recovering in August. As a result, we expect a modest rise in approvals, though at levels lower than seen earlier this year, as the lack of properties on the market for sale and affordability constraints continue to bear down on borrowers," he added.

According to Peter Williams, executive director of the Intermediary Mortgage Lenders Association (IMLA), the data depicts a mortgage market undeterred by the European Union referendum result and very much open for business.

"The 11 per cent increase in lending between the second and third quarters shows that borrowers weren't put off by the economic shadow that a drawn out Brexit process threatens to cast and lenders haven't suppressed their appetite to meet this demand," he pointed out.

"September is often a month when house hunters renew their pursuits after pausing their over summer, but this year's saw the highest September figure since before the global downturn.

"Any potential bumps in the road are unlikely to come from mortgage lenders as the availability of competitively priced deals remains high, both for purchasers and remortgagors, but issues on the supply side could inhibit activity," he explained.

"The consumer appetite is there, but the simple fact remains that there simply aren't enough properties coming on to the market at the moment to satisfy this demand, so more thought needs to be given as to how to increase transactions, not least by revisiting stamp duty," he added.

Henry Woodcock, principal mortgage consultant at IRESS, believes that the month on month fall is just a blip and pointed out that the total number of mortgage products has increased over the last 19 months to 24,415, pointing to fierce competition.

He also pointed out that the impending closure of the Help to Buy mortgage guarantee scheme at the end of the year could result in a last minute rush by low deposit borrowers to secure an attractive deal.

"No doubt we'll see lower numbers as we head into the mid-winter seasonal slowdown in activity, however the signs for October still look pretty positive," he added.

Changes will force landlords into higher tax bracket

More than 400,000 landlords in the UK who currently pay the basic rate of tax will find themselves forced into a higher tax bracket from April 2017, research has found.

According to a survey for the National Association of Landlords (NLA) while some 22 per cent of the estimated two million landlords in the private rented sector will find themselves propelled into the higher rate, all landlords are in danger of seeing their tax rise regardless of what they pay currently.

The changes mean that from April 2017 landlords will no longer be able to deduct mortgage interest payments or any other finance related costs from their turnover before declaring their taxable income.

Currently, mortgage interest payments are one of a number of expenses that landlords can deduct as a business cost, including insurance premiums, letting agent fees, and maintenance and property repair costs.

Challenge

The move, which was announced by previous Chancellor George Osborne, will be phased in over four years but it is hugely unpopular. A challenge in the High Court failed and now landlords and industry bodies are lobbying the Government to abandon the change. They hope that new Chancellor Philip Hammond will take a different view and make a positive announcement in his autumn statement next month.

The NLA says that while around 440,000 landlords who are on the basic rate will be forced into a higher bracket, all landlords face higher tax bills with the size depending on how many properties they have in their portfolio and their value.

It has found that 28 per cent in the West Midlands could be particularly hit.

The amount by which landlords will be affected will depend on their personal circumstances, including whether or not they generate income from any other sources. Landlords' tax liability will increase depending on their existing annual mortgage interest payments.

For example, payments for those with a single property is currently £3,600, for two or three properties it is £8,600, for four to five properties it is £16,300, for six to 10 properties it is £18,200, for 11 to 19 properties it is £24,900 and for 20 or more properties it is £38,000.

The NLA has met with Housing and Planning Minister Gavin Barwell to discuss the matter and it also hopes to meet Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Jane Ellison, in the near future after Chancellor Phillip Hammond responded to the association's request to discuss the forthcoming changes, and last year's stamp duty surcharge on addition property purchases.

The Financial Secretary is responsible for strategic oversight of the UK tax system including direct, indirect, business, property and personal taxation.

"When the Government announced these changes last year, it claimed they would only hit a small proportion of higher rate tax payers. We now know that is complete tosh," said NLA chief executive officer Richard Lambert.

Rules

"The Government must look to amend these tax changes and minimise the impact on landlords and their tenants, something that could easily be achieved by applying the rules to only new loans written after April 2017. Unless this happens, landlords will face an impossible decision of whether to increase rents and cause misery for their tenants, or to sell-up, and force their tenants to find a new home," he added.

Louis Harrison gets some tips from Mark Burnett

Nansi Davies, three, with her scary wolf shadow puppet

Gabriel Burnett, six, with his finished pumpkin

Ade Powell, Gabriel Burnett and Martha Tutt enjoy the fun. Photos: Jamie Ricketts.

Scarier side of Dahl is explored

Report by Sue Austin

THE darker side of author Roald Dahl's books were brought to life for children ahead of Halloween.

Arts Connection brought a Roald Dahl-themed Halloween adventure to the Llanfyllin Youth and Community Centre.

Every child who attended the event had the chance to carve a pumpkin.

Families were able to find out more abut the scarier creatures written about by the famous writer with creepy craft activities.

Storyteller Millie Jackdaw also joined in the fun,

She gave a performance of her spellbinding "Troll Tales Told To Dahl" show.

She said: "Roald Dahl spent his childhood summer holidays with his family in Norway, where his grandmother told him folktales populated with one eyed trolls, friendly giants and child eating witches.

"These darkly absurd, often grotesque and magical stories clearly influenced his writing."

The family event on was supported by Literature Wales and Welsh Government as part of the Roald Dahl 100 Wales celebrations.

Arts Connection is a community arts charity based in Llanfyllin that works across North Powys, Wrexham and the borders.

The organisation is revenue funded by the Arts Council of Wales.

It has provided high quality participatory arts projects in a wide range of artistic mediums since 1994.

Community

The organisation's work with schools, children, youth, the learning disabled and the wider community offers increased involvement and participation and a welcoming bi-lingual doorway into the arts.

The group has five creative programmes, which include Arts for All, aimed all ages and abilities, Learning by Art, aimed at children and young people and Art of Wellbeing, aimed at the learning disabled and others with physical or mental health issues.

It also has Wild @ Art, which has a focus on sustainability and the environment and Skills & Thrills, which looks at developing participatory arts practice.

Gabriel Burnett, Martha Tutt , helper and organiser Mark Burnett and Louis Harrison

Gabriel Burnett carving his pumpkin

There was plenty of activities going on at the Llanfyllin event

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Quirky gift ideas which help protect our wildlife

WILDLIFE charity People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) has released its Christmas gift catalogue, which showcases a variety of quirky and creative gift ideas that will help the most endangered wildlife across the UK and internationally.

This year, new additions include fox-shaped cookie cutters and wildlife-themed ice cube trays – perfect for sweet treats and celebratory drinks throughout the festive season.

There are gifts to suit all budgets and interests, from household items to supporting conservation projects.

£10 could provide enough food for a newly released dormouse couple until they can fend for themselves, £18 could help support the coppicing of hazel trees to ensure there's enough hazelnuts for red squirrels and dormice so they can fatten up for winter.

£30 could help PTES to train forest managers in Indonesia to understand how to help save the Bornean orang-utan.

The full range of wildlife gifts, ideal for any wildlife enthusiast, can be viewed and purchased online at www.ptes.org/shop

All the profits go directly to help wildlife both across the UK and internationally.

Gifts of Nature (prices range from £10 - £100)

PTES has some unique gift ideas in their Gifts of Nature range. 100 per cent of the money raised will help save endangered species worldwide. Gift options include:

• Honeymoon hamper: providing newly released dormice with food until they can fend for themselves in the wild

• Gardener's friend: encouraging the public to create hedgehog holes and connect their gardens to form Hedgehog Highways

• Fighting for survival: educating more people in the conservation of stag beetles

• Winter wonderland: supporting coppicing practices in ancient woodland to help species such as red squirrels and hazel dormice through winter and spring

• Location, location, re-location: relocating the rare pine marten from Scotland to a new lush woodland home in Wales

• Tails of the riverbank: helping save water voles in the UK and boost their numbers by improving their riverbank homes

• Passage to India: working with villagers in India to plan agricultural work around elephant migratory routes & promoting alternative forms of livelihood

• Save orang-utan forest: training forest managers in Indonesia to help protect the Bornean orang-utan from extinction

• Snow leopard patrol: creating new patrol zones across Mongolia so more snow leopards can roam free

• Funky gibbon: training forest rangers to monitor and report illegal poaching of western hoolock gibbons and educating communities to respect this species

Wildlife Guides & Publications

For a comprehensive understanding of Britain's mammals in both the countryside and urban environments, PTES has two concise guides so you can find out more about the wildlife living on your doorstep. Urban Mammals: A Concise Guide and Britain's Mammals: A Concise Guide and are priced at £9.99 each or both for £15.

Animal Ink Cards

Choose from: hare, hedgehog, otter, red squirrel, badger or dormouse cards which are blank inside so you can personalise your message. Size 14 x 14cm on recycled card with a brown recycled paper envelope. Individually packaged and £2.50 each or £12.50 for a set of six.

Native Wildlife Tea Towels

Choose from Animal Ink – beautifully drawn native wildlife, or Collective Nouns including a prickle of hedgehogs! These tea towels are printed by hand in England and made from 100% unbleached cotton and £9 each or £16 for both.

Collective Noun Coasters

Choose from: a trip of hares, a romp of otters and a scurry of squirrels among others. Made in Britain, these quirky coasters are wipeable with a heat resistant matt vinyl print made from eucalyptus hardboard, and are priced at £3 each or 6 for £15.

There's a hypericum for most situations, deciduous or evergreen

Ideal choice to brighten up your rock gardens

BEST OF THE BUNCH – Hypericum

THIS stalwart shrub produces bright yellow flowers throughout summer, followed by berries, depending on the variety.

There's a hypericum for most situations. The larger types look great in a border, the smaller ones will brighten up a rock garden, and you can get both evergreen and deciduous species which provide lovely autumn colour. Certain types will also bear berries. H. androsaemum (Tutsan), for instance, a bushy, deciduous shrub which grows up to 75cm tall, produces red berries which ripen to black in autumn. Larger shrubs prefer moist but well-drained soil in sun or partial shade, while the smaller rock garden types prefer full sun and good draining. Trim them in spring to keep them neat or cut the larger deciduous types back hard in early spring to contain their growth.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT – Baby vegetables

SO many of these are sold in supermarkets – from baby leeks and miniature courgettes to dwarf carrots and sweetcorn – but you can't beat growing your own.

Some of the shop-bought types have been bred to be genetically undersized varieties, but you can grow standard types closer together and harvest them earlier. Quick-maturing varieties include early carrots such as Amsterdam Forcing and turnips like Snowball. Leeks like Jolant can be grown in close rows and pulled after 12 weeks, or you could leave them in the ground to become larger, more standard sizes. As a general rule, grow baby vegetables closer together than you would ordinary varieties, although courgettes and sweetcorn will need to be given more space to grow. Thin carrots, beetroot and turnips, leaving them 3cm apart. Space cabbage and lettuce 15cm apart. Baby veg need humus-rich soil, thorough watering and regular feeding but can do well in pots and tiny beds.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

1. Check your greenhouse thermometer regularly and if the minimum temperature has dropped below 3-4C (38-40F) overnight, you may need to turn it up a little.

2. Check stored fruits every week and use them as fast as you can. Remove any showing signs of mould.

3. Plant tulips in gritty, well-drained compost.

A final colourful hurrah before winter takes hold

ROSS UNDERWOOD

Head Gardener at Hodnet Hall

WHENEVER I take a drive around I can open the windows and smell woodsmoke almost everywhere.

Now that days are shorter and cooler it is a privilege to come home and light the stove, yet I come indoors only reluctantly.

Outside in gardens, the countryside and the streets of our towns wherever you look there are bright bonfires happening as plants give their final hurrah before winter.

We are so lucky to live in a temperate climate where we can enjoy autumn colour. Plants that perform at this time of year are to be treasures as the show only intensifies with lower temperatures and light.

Many great trees and shrubs that have been in the background all summer are taking centre stage now.

Amongst the best are the acers. This family which includes the common Sycamore as well as the palmate or Japanese acers. Thanks to the efforts of nurserymen they are no longer just available to the wealthy but come in a huge number of cultivars.

All share common features which are a liking for good loamy soil, a tolerance of shade and a dislike of drought and drying winds. Growth is moderate but the handsome hand shaped (hence the epithet palmate) foliage is perfect for growing herbaceous plants beneath.

One of my favourites is A. aconitifolium which as the name implies has foliage reminiscent of a monkshood. It grows as wide as it does tall and can be quite imposing when it gets mature. The leaves burn scarlet red in the autumn and are held over a long period until heavy frost crinkles them up. They look wonderful u deplaned with cyclamen or a small anemone such as 'September Charm' which is still going. Acer osakazuki is perhaps the most brilliant of all the Japanese maples and quite a strong grower by comparison with many.

We may not have spared a thought for our cherries since the spring and early summer but look at them now.

Next to my house I am lucky to have a group of bird cherries which are orange, red and gold now. It really looks as though flames are creeping up the tree! Yet for the garden, especially when space is at a premium I like Prunus incisa. These more shrubby cherries can have an angular habit of growth. They still flower in early spring but also turn the most fabulous shades of burnt orange and maroon red now. Added to which they are incredibly amenable and will grow in sun or light shade and even in heavy soil which we have here. I have planted the cultivar 'Kojo-no-mai' which is quite slow growing with zig zag shoots and pale pink flowers.

One shrub or tree which is as much of a delight in the hedgerows as it is in the garden are the spindles, or Euonymus. E. alatus is often encountered in garden centres where it's neat leaves and winged corky bark give it an extra element of ingest in winter. For those willing to seek them out there are some less often encountered species and cultivars including the wonderful E. bungeanus var. mongolicus which has wonderfully pinkish autumn colour with pinkish fruits produced after a good summer. E. clivicola is a graceful shrub growing to ten feet with slender leaves whilst E. hamiltonianus has produced a number of excellent offspring including 'Indian Summer' and 'Coral Charm' which are must haves in my book!

Lindera obtusiloba has a wonderful erect habit and three lobed leaves which look like molten gold in autumn

Acer osakazuki, perhaps the most brilliant of all Japanese maples

Wonderfully pinkish – E. bungeanus var. mongolicus

Lindera is a genera of shrubs from the northern hemisphere which might not have been heard of outside of specialist collections some few years ago but have made a much greater impression recently. L. benzoin is know as the spice bush in the USA has scented leaves which turn clear yellow in autumn. My favourite though is L. obtusiloba which has a wonderful erect habit and three lobed leaves which look like molten gold in autumn.

I feel as though I could go on forever and probably could but I can't leave you without mentioning a conifer... yes a conifer that I find irresistible. You might have to give up a substantial part of your garden to house it so it's probably better to go and see it in somebody else's but hey ho! There are only five genera of deciduous conifer of which Pseudolarix amabilis is the only member of its own genera and superficially resembles a larch. It likes acid soil in which it will grow slowly but happily producing long light green needles which look like butter in the autumn.

They make a stately tree over time and ours is just a baby but here's to many golden Octobers to come!

Charming little creature walks with tail held high

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams

THE strangler figs had done it; their probing fingers had penetrated his hair before it had rotted away and at the departure of those emblematic locks, had bore down into his cranium until he had died.

The wind and rain had permeated his eye sockets and therein now grew ferns and lianas. Bats flew from his nostrils, a sure sign that his long-vacated skull now harboured living things once more.

I did not see him straight away for he lay hidden in a section of the thick Guatemalan jungle away from the beaten track.

Here one must watch where they trod. Leaf cutter ant lines criss-crossed the forest floor and lethally venomous fer-de-lance pit vipers lay around the buttress roots.

It was a little after dawn and I was happily lost in awe and wonder within the vast archaeological site of Tikal deep in the Yucatan Peninsula.

I had just spent a magical hour in the gloom, perched high above the rainforest canopy watching the burgeoning sun's rays begin to illuminate the epic towers and monuments of this wondrous place, crowning their tops with burnished gold in the process.

Yet those very objects of monolithic beauty and grandeur held a macabre past.

One studded in ritual and human sacrifice lest the mighty sun god be denied his blood and gore and thus fail to rise the following morning.

Had that been the reality, I decided, much blood had been spilt this night.

Tikal has been revealed to a lesser degree but much remains hidden and reclaimed by the jungle in the centuries since the Mayans kept it.

And so there was I, some way from the track and tiptoeing carefully through virgin forest to my meeting with the apparition. Yet it was not he who I had followed.

Seeing anything through the tangle, or 'green hell' as many an author has labelled the jungle on South and Central America, is a challenge. One can peer up and occasionally catch a glimpse of a leaping capuchin or a gliding parrot.

You can follow the guttural roarings of howler monkeys and watch their antics through the branches high above in a forest clearing, but to sight an animal on the ground is often very difficult.

Glanced

I had been lucky and where the vines and creepers had thinned out a little, I had glanced to my right and spotted an orange, striped tail held erect and moving slowly through the vegetation.

As I approached, ducking and weaving, its owner had become clear; a coati.

These charming little creatures are the size of a large house cat, yet on the ground, its short forelegs give it a bear-like gait as it lumbers along with that glorious tail held high above its back, possibly to act as a visual beacon to those that follow it which is, in the case of the females, their young.

Active both day and night, the coati is an agile tree climber and a fearsome little omnivore, eating lizards, birds and fruit and uses its long mobile snout to grub for insects and roots. It also has many an enemy, including pumas, jaguars, birds of prey, snakes and crocodiles. Females and their young travel in bands, but males are solitary and are known as "coatimundis". They join the band only in the mating season.

As I watched, several smaller coatis joined their mother. It was only then that I saw the face in the forest. It was a crumpled Mayan stone carving, once a tribute to a mighty god, adorning one of the pyramidal towers nearby, now forlorn and broken, repossessed by nature and played upon by coatis in the dappled light of the rainforest.

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Ben's photograph of a coati, with the steps of a Tikal pyramid in the background

Carers are given training to deal with dementia

A TEAM of carers in Oswestry are undertaking specialist training this year to enable them to look after the growing number of people with dementia in their care.

All social care workers at Abacare are being given comprehensive dementia awareness training to better understand the symptoms of the condition and learn how to best support sufferers.

Peter Angelides, CEO of Abacare, which provides care around the Oswestry area, said: "According to the Alzheimer's Society there are currently 850,000 dementia sufferers in the UK and the charity estimates that by 2025 there will be one million people with the condition.

"It is therefore imperative that carers looking after those with dementia understand how to properly care for them and understand their needs.

"We ensure that all of our social care workers are given training on managing the challenging behaviours associated with dementia including accusations, aggression, delusions, repetitive behaviour, suspicion and shouting.

"We are passionate about empowering our carers with the best possible skills and knowledge. Our training starts at the very beginning of a carer's career and is then continued through the Social Care Institute for Excellence training, which includes a specialist dementia care training programme.

"A person with dementia wants to remain as independent as possible without having to move into a strange environment and therefore losing their home and beloved pets.

"Experts advise that people with the condition should try to keep their autonomy and continue their daily routine and we advise this too. To help with this issue we employ and train carers especially with dementia in mind. They provide 24 hour support and encourage independence, as well as offer kindness and understanding.

"It is important that individuals have the option to live independently while receiving support and do not feel they have to move into residential care."

Abacare offers one-to-one bespoke support for people living with dementia so they do not need to leave their familiar surroundings or pets. Mr Angelides continued: "We have a committed team that is able to provide specialist live-in care for people with dementia, as well as those with physical disabilities and neurological needs. Our personal carers live in the individual's home and support them with their everyday medical and personal needs. We are able to provide a carer whose personality matches up with the person they are caring for, giving them someone they can trust and get on with on a daily basis."

Cinema listings

THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS (12A)

Water resistant – 7/10

Handkerchiefs at the ready for Derek Cianfrance's handsome period romance. A childless couple, who wrestle with an agonising moral dilemma in the aftermath of the First World War, sees veteran Tom Sherbourne (Michael Fassbender) accept a position as a lighthouse keeper on the coast of Western Australia, where he falls in love with local girl Isabel (Alicia Vikander).

QUEEN OF KATWE (PG)

Great moves – 8/10

Queen Of Katwe unfolds largely in chronological order, meeting 10-year-old Phiona Mutesi (Madina Nalwanga) in the bustle of Kampala's streets in 2007. By chance Phiona and her brother meet missionary Robert Katende who teaches her to play chess. Robert mentors Phiona and inspires the girl to compete at the World Chess Olympiad.

I, DANIEL BLAKE (15)

Jobs a good 'un – 7/10

Daniel Blake, a 59-year-old joiner from Newcastle has to spend 35 hours a week applying for jobs that he can't take because of his medical condition, and this search for employment propels him into an online world that is completely alien to a man who has worked with his hands his entire life. Cruel fate sinks its talons into Daniel and he is forced to make terrible choices.

NEVER GO BACK (12A)

Poor reach – 6/10

Jack Reacher (Tom Cruise) is living off the grid, embracing a nomadic lifestyle that allows him to move between low-rent motels as he brings down men and women in uniform who abuse their position. En-route to a face-to-face meeting with his successor, Major Susan Turner (Cobie Smulders), Reacher discovers she has been accused of espionage. He realises he has stumbled upon a wider conspiracy.

Strange special effects

Review by Damon Smith

DOCTOR Strange, the latest tumble town the rabbit hole of the Marvel Comics universe.

It is a trip – a hallucinogenic, kaleidoscopic trip of mind-bending special effects that left me with a pounding headache.

City streets and landmarks fold in on themselves, rotate and collapse on multiple axes, rather like Christopher Nolan's Inception or one of MC Escher's disorienting illustrations, only with eye-popping fury in 3D.

As a masterclass in dizzying digital wizardry, director Scott Derrickson's film delivers all of the spectacle we have come to expect from a big-budget blockbuster infused with the creative DNA of the Avengers, Captain America and Guardians Of The Galaxy.

The snarkiness and self-deprecation that distinguished those pictures is in evidence in Derrickson's fleet-footed script, co-written by C Robert Cargill, including one scene where the titular medic meets a po-faced librarian called Wong and quips: "Just Wong? Like...Adele?" to uncomfortable silence.

Doctor Strange might be able to train his mind to override the rigid laws of physics, but no amount of study can refine or polish his blunt force humour.

Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) is a brilliant and arrogant neurosurgeon, with a minimalist Manhattan apartment and an off-limits romance with fellow medic, Christine Palmer (Rachel McAdams).

Years of meticulous study are jeopardised when Strange foolishly takes a telephone call in his speeding silver Lamborghini. Medical colleagues save his life, but not his career, surgically refashioning his trembling hands with 11 metal pins.

Benedict Cumberbatch in Dr Strange: The special effects left this reviewer with a three-dimensional headache

Cast adrift from the world of science, Strange heads to Kathmandu in search of spiritual enlightenment in the company of an enigmatic Celtic shaman called The Ancient One (Tilda Swinton), who harnesses energy to shape reality.

Two of her Masters, Karl Mordo (Chiwetel Ejiofor) and Wong (Benedict Wong), take Strange under their wing and spearhead his training so he can travel long distances with a swish of his hand. As his confidence grows, Strange learns about a former Master, Kaecilius (Mads Mikkelsen), who strayed from the path of righteousness and uses his powers for evil.

When Kaecilius threatens Strange's old life, including the beautiful Christine, the medic puts his training into practice to save everything he holds dear. Aside from the trippy effects, which left me wishing I could turn back time like the title character and pre-medicate, Doctor Strange is a satisfying opening salvo.

Cumberbatch digs deep beneath the bruised skin of his character's overinflated ego, verbalising the inner turmoil of a self-anointed god, who learns he is flawed and not the master of his own destiny.

McAdams is squandered in an undernourished role as the token love interest.

Book reviews

GREAT BRITAIN IN COLOUR

By Paul Farrell
Published by Boxtree

I love this book. It's wacky, unexpected and a bit of a laugh.

Farrell is an illustrator and graphic designer and has zeroed in on a range of landmarks and features of Britain and has presented them in a fresh and colourful manner. We are not talking about realistic representations here, but of how Farrell uses his eye and his graphic design talents to interpret them.

What it brings is a host of vivid and playful images which won't appeal to everyone, but that is the nature of this sort of approach.

From a local point of view, one of the things featured is the Iron Bridge, portrayed in truly dazzling fashion.

It's a bit of fun, and surely we need that.

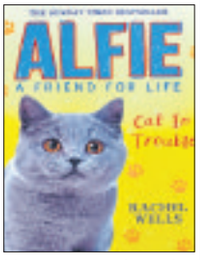
By Florence Mona Procter

ALFIE, A FRIEND FOR LIFE

By Rachel Wells
Published by Harper Collins

Alfie first appeared as a loveable character in three books for adults but this story is for junior readers. Alfie is big fluffy grey cat who endears himself to everyone.

Stanley Clover, newly moved in to Alfie's neighbourhood, is eight and wants to be an explorer. He and Alfie soon make friends and become inseparable, but the cat senses a deep unhappiness in his new friend. The problem is Stanley's sister, a talented girl who outshines her brother at everything which makes Stanley think that



his parents only notice him when he gets into trouble.

Following an escapade during which he gets lost, Stanley realises that his parents do care about him.

By Sally Bunn

OFF THE SHELF

Edited by
Carol Ann Duffy
Published by Picador

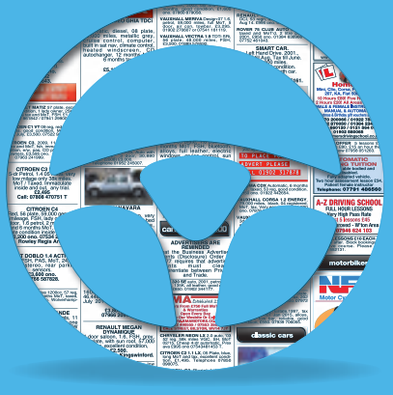
Featuring the work of 30 modern poets, this is the book that celebrates the Shore to Shore national tour earlier this year by Carol Duffy and four of the nation's best known poets who visited 15 venues in the UK to perform their work.

Carol Ann Duffy believes poetry to be our national art form and bookshops to be an important part of our communities. Each poem, in one way or another, is about books and the pleasure that reading brings. Most of the works are written in

free verse, which I normally find annoying to read, but as the subject matter is pleasurable this didn't affect my overall enjoyment of the book.

Some of the poems are sad, some very funny.

By Leo Williams



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Tonia Davies, Sarah Saunders, Claudia Whitby-Tillott and Tesni Jones will be appearing in a forthcoming Guilsfield Amateur Dramatics performance

Brenda Jones of Rhydycroesau has released a collection of short stories

Ladies have a ball in group's performance

AN eventful day at the races will be the background for a forthcoming performance by members of an amateur dramatics group.

Members of Guilsfield Amateur Dramatics are preparing for the production.

The production is Ladies' Day by Amanda Whittington, a lively piece that follows the lives of four women working in a fish packing factory in Hull including a day out at the races where their luck and fortunes take a roller-coaster ride.

The performances by the amateur dramatics enthusiasts will be staged at Guilsfield Community Centre.

Performances will be staged on November 17-18 and November 24-26.

Tickets can be purchased from Welshpool Jewellers, High Street, Welshpool, at the Spar Shop in Guilsfield and online at www.guilsfieldads.net.

Meanwhile, there is plenty going on at the Willow Gallery in Willow Street in Oswestry to keep people entertained.

On Monday evenings there is a chance to learn Lindy Hop basics from 7.30pm to 8.45pm. The cost is £3 and no partner is required. Art for relaxation sessions with Rachel Byron are being held at the Willow Gallery throughout November.

The weekly sessions run from 1pm to 3pm. People are encouraged to join the classes with a chance to experiment with different techniques each week. The techniques include acrylic painting, winter textile collage, printing with a winter theme and making an advent calendar. There will be a Landscape in Batik session with Jenny O'Leary on Saturday. The session runs from November 5 from 19am to 4pm and the cost is £40 and that includes the cost of materials. With landscapes as the inspiration, the workshop will help create batiks in fabric.

There will be Portrait Painting in Oil sessions with Darren Fraser at the Willow Gallery. The sessions run on November 12 and November 13 and the cost is £80. People taking part will be able to build their confidence by approaching the subject of portraiture on a larger scale. And there will be Colourful Townscapes art sessions with Leo Donaghy at the gallery. The sessions runs on November 22 and November 29 and December 6 and December 13.

The sessions run form 9.30am to 1pm at a cost of £85. People will learn how to draw quick studies of their local village and town and then turn them into colour paintings.

If reading is more your thing then an author who has raised more than £4,000 for charity through sales of her books hopes to increase that total now her latest title has been released. Brenda Jones, of Rhydycroesau near Oswestry, has released a collection of short stories 'A Welsh Woman's Reflections', following on from the success of her two previous poetry collections – 'A Welsh Woman's View' and 'A Welsh Woman's Miscellany'. The success of her previous two titles has meant she has raised more than £4,000 for charities, including the Alzheimer's Society, a cause close to Mrs Jones' heart. She said: "My mother died 10 years ago after suffering from Alzheimer's for a number of years, which actually prompted me to write a number of poems about Alzheimer's.

"I suppose it was my way of dealing with it and I actually found that writing these poems was quite cathartic for me.

"Alzheimer's has always been a disease largely talked about behind closed doors, that's why I wanted to put something out there." Despite her latest book being her first time writing fiction, Mrs Jones, 62, said she enjoyed the process. She said: "It was enjoyable to write, largely because some of the stories were based on my own personal experiences, as well as through observation or overhearing a snippet of conversation whilst out and about."

The book can be purchased online at www.brendajones.net or at a number of local shops.

SPECIAL REPORT

By Naomi Penrose

Tonia Davies, Sarah Saunders, Claudia Whitby-Tillott and Tesni Jones are ready for the stage in Guilsfield

Event will remember impact of famous poet's work

Wilfred Owen was born in Oswestry

A MUSICAL by candlelight is to be held in Birkenhead in honour of Shropshire's war poet, Wilfred Owen, widely recognised as one of the greatest voices of the First World War.

November 4 is the 98th anniversary of the death of Wilfred Owen, who was born in Oswestry and brought up in Shrewsbury and Birkenhead and it also marks 100 years since the end of The Battle of the Somme.

And both events are to be commemorated with a special candle-lit matinee performance of Bullets and Daffodils, the Wirral-based production which sets Owen's iconic lines to contemporary music, with emphasis on Wilfred's time in the Wirral and his experience at The Somme.

Manager of the Wilfred Owen Story and Gallery, Janet Holmes said: "People feel a real connection with Owen here in Wirral and we are proud to bring his story to them here at our home on Argyle Street.

"Since its debut at Birkenhead Central Library in 2011, the production has undertaken several runs in London's West End, where the national cast featured Christopher Timothy, Nicholas Ball and Oliver Reed's son Mark.

"The musical has also featured local luminaries including Dean Sullivan and Billy Butler.

"November 4's rehearsed reading of the piece will be performed by volunteers of The Wilfred Owen Story at 1pm."

Owen's grandfather was once mayor of Oswestry. Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre has a permanent display of Owen's letters to his mother and visitors can download the Wilfred Owen Town Trail to see places that were important in his life.

Owen's work has become known throughout the world.

His shocking, realistic war poetry on the horrors of trenches and gas warfare was heavily influenced by his friend and mentor Siegfried Sassoon, and stood in stark contrast both to the public perception of war at the time and to the confidently patriotic verse written by earlier war poets such as Rupert Brooke.

Among his best-known works – most of which were published posthumously – are "Dulce et Decorum est", "Insensibility", "Anthem for Doomed Youth", "Futility" and "Strange Meeting".

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Casualty

9.10pm

A spark of attraction remains between Charlie and Duffy, but with the status of Duffy's marriage still unconfirmed, neither seems brave enough to take the plunge. When Duffy's pregnant daughter-in-law turns up the ED, the pair find themselves delivering a baby – and repeating history.

Live Four Nations Rugby League

5pm

England v Scotland (Kick-off 5.30pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the opening match in the second round of fixtures, which takes place at Ricoh Arena in Coventry. This is the first full international encounter between these nations, and Scotland are competing in this tournament for the first time.

Meet the Parents

7pm

Dating show, with Holly Willoughby, which puts the love lives of singletons in the hands of the people they know best – their mum and dad. Each week, one man and one woman must choose from three potential partners, with their decisions solely based on an encounter with the contestants' parents.

Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson

8pm

The Time Team presenter's journeys along Britain's oldest trackways concludes as he treads the North Downs Way, which was used by pilgrims, traders, hunters and invaders for 5,000 years, thought to have been a prehistoric highway linking Britain to the continent.

Football on 5: The Championship

9pm

George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Aston Villa v Blackburn Rovers at Villa Park, Sheffield Wednesday v Ipswich Town at Hillsborough, and Bristol City v Brighton & Hove Albion at Ashton Gate.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Alexander Armstrong joins Matt Tebbutt for the weekend culinary magazine show, as Andi Oliver and Dan Doherty prepare dishes in the studio kitchen.
11.30 **James Martin: Home Comforts.** Lesley Waters guests. (R)
12.00 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches, which includes Manchester City v Middlesbrough in the Premier League, and the FA Cup first round.
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Tim Wonnacott oversees proceedings as two teams search for antiques at the East of England Showground in Peterborough, with the help of experts Christina Trevanion and Thomas Plant. (R)
2.00 **Live International Rugby Union.** Wales v Australia (Kick-off 2.30pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of the autumn international from Principality Stadium in Cardiff.
4.30 **Final Score.** A round-up of this afternoon's football results.
5.15 **Celebrity Mastermind.** With Radzi Chinyanganya, Badly Drawn Boy, Rebecca Root and Kriss Akabusi. (R)
5.45 **BBC News.**
5.55 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.05 **Pointless Celebrities.** Jane Moore, Kevin O'Sullivan, Miranda Sawyer, Tony Parsons, Toby Young, Melissa Kite, Lizo Mzimba and Frank Gardner take part in a journalists-only version of the unorthodox quiz.
6.55 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present as the couples show off their dancing skills again – minus Anastacia and Brendan, whose Strictly journey came to an end last weekend.
8.20 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws, presented by Gaby Roslin.
9.10 **Casualty.** Sparks of attraction continue to fly between Charlie and Duffy, as they are unexpectedly called upon to bring Duffy's new grandchild into the world.
10.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.20 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Bournemouth v Sunderland, and West Ham United v Stoke City; **National Lottery Update.**
11.35 **Asian Provocateur: Mum's American Dream.** Romesh Ranganathan and his mother Shanthi head to Colorado to visit cousin Krishna, a young but seasoned ranch-hand who Shanthi hopes Romesh can tutor in the ways of manhood.
12.05 FILM: **Obsessed (2009).** An executive is relentlessly stalked by a co-worker. When he rejects her, he and his wife find their lives in danger. Thriller, starring Idris Elba and Beyonce Knowles.
1.50 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.55 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.30 FILM: **Pot O' Gold (1941).** A music lover tries to help an Irish band make a success of their career, despite the protestations of his uncle. Romantic musical, starring James Stewart and Paulette Goddard.
7.50 **The Women's Football Show.** A round-up of the final weekend in the FA WSL season. (R)
8.25 FILM: **The White Tower (1950).** A mountaineer's daughter assembles a team of climbers to be the first to reach the peak of the mountain where her father died. Drama, with Alida Valli, Glenn Ford and Claude Rains.
9.55 **Secret Britain.** Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury travel across the centre of Britain, from East Anglia to Pembrokeshire, in search of hidden spots of natural beauty. (R)
11.00 **Natural World: Jungle Gremlins of Java.** Dr Anna Nekaris travels to the Indonesian island of Java to investigate the slow loris, a primate often considered cute, yet able to deliver a deadly toxic bite. (R)
12.00 **Great British Menu.** The eight regional finalists prepare their desserts. (R)
1.00 FILM: **The Lady Vanishes (1938).** Two passengers investigate the mysterious disappearance of an elderly woman from a train. Alfred Hitchcock's mystery, starring Margaret Lockwood, Michael Redgrave and May Whitty.
2.30 **Alfred Hitchcock: Talking Pictures.** Profile of film director Alfred Hitchcock. (R)
3.10 **Escape to the Country.** A couple search for a property in rural Wiltshire. (R)
4.00 **Flog It!** Kate Bliss and David Fletcher search for valuable items in Wiltshire.
5.00 **Live Four Nations Rugby League.** England v Scotland (Kick-off 5.30pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the opening match in the second round of fixtures, which takes place at Ricoh Arena in Coventry.
7.30 **Live Four Nations Rugby League.** New Zealand v Australia (Kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the concluding match in the second round of fixtures, which takes place at Ricoh Arena in Coventry.
10.00 FILM: **Glory (1989).** Oscar-winning fact-based historical drama about the first all-black regiment to fight in the American Civil War. Starring Denzel Washington, Matthew Broderick and Morgan Freeman.
11.55 FILM: **Sergeant Rutledge (1960).** A cavalry officer defends a black soldier accused of a double murder. John Ford's Western courtroom drama, set in 19th-century Arizona, starring Woody Strode and Jeffrey Hunter.
1.45 **Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation.** The life of poet Hugh MacDiarmid, a staunch nationalist who reinvented Scots as a language for serious writing and was for many years under surveillance by MI5. Last in the series. (R)
2.45 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Sooty **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story **7.00** Super 4 **7.15** Oddbods
7.25 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
7.30 **Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters.** Animated comedy. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.** Cartoon about a mischievous youngster. (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: Looped.**
8.30 **Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** Adventures with the Scooby gang.
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children. (R)
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica witnesses a murder. (R)
10.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** Guest starring Mickey Rooney and Tippi Hedren. (R)
11.20 **Wild Australia with Ray Mears.** Ray explores Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory. (R)
11.55 **Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
12.50 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
1.00 **Cash Trapped.** Quiz, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
2.00 **This Time Next Year.** Members of the public are given 12 months to change their lives for the better. (R)
3.00 **Big Star's Little Star.** With Shaun Ryder, Diane Parish and Mikey Graham. (R)
4.05 **Thunderbirds Are Go.** A family is trapped in a city that is being overtaken by rising ocean tides.
4.30 **The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
5.30 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** The Chase's Mark Labbett, Anne Hegerty and Paul Sinha take on Tipping Point's arcade-style machine, in the hope of winning £20,000 for charity.
7.00 **Meet the Parents.** Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby, which puts the love lives of singletons in the hands of the people they know best – their mum and dad.
8.00 **The X Factor.** Following Gifty's unexpected exit, Dermot O'Leary hosts the next stage of the live competition, as the acts perform songs made famous by girl bands and boy bands.
9.40 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** Hollywood actor Michael Douglas, Celebrity Juice's Keith Lemon, stand-up star John Bishop, and Our Girl actress Michelle Keegan join Jonathan. Plus, OneRepublic perform live.
10.40 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.00 FILM: **Carry On Screaming (1966).** A sinister scientist and his sultry sister kidnap innocent women and turn them into mannequins. Comedy horror, starring Kenneth Williams, Fenella Fielding and Harry H Corbett.
12.50 **Jackpot247.** Interactive gaming.
3.00 **Murder, She Wrote.** (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

Channel 4

6.15 **Motor Sport: Mini Challenge.** Action from Snetterton.
6.45 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray tries to be more attentive to Debra. (R)
7.10 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray goes to the Super Bowl. (R)
7.35 **Frasier.** The brothers visit a luxury spa. (R)
8.00 **Frasier.** A financial analyst joins the station. (R)
8.30 **Frasier.** Lilith pays an unexpected visit. (R)
9.00 **The Morning Line.** Racing preview from Doncaster.
10.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** The gang treat themselves to a Sheldon-free weekend.
10.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon's grandmother visits Pasadena and ends up clashing with Amy.
10.55 **The Simpsons.** Marge goes on a girls' night out. (R)
11.25 **The Simpsons.** Homer and Marge seek a better life. (R)
11.55 **The Simpsons.** Homer and Bart go rafting. (R)
12.30 **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show.
1.30 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Doncaster, Aintree and Wincanton.
4.00 **Jamie's Super Food.** Jamie Oliver explores the food eaten in the healthiest places on Earth. (R)
4.30 **Location, Location, Location.** Catching up with buyers in Birmingham and Derby. (R)
5.30 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** A London couple seek a holiday home in St Lucia.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **China: Between Clouds and Dreams.** New series. Documentaries exploring the everyday lives of people throughout the country, beginning with a primary school that receives an unusual request from children in Russia.
8.00 **Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson.** The Time Team presenter travels along the North Downs Way, which passes by one of Britain's oldest oak trees, a shrine of Thomas Becket, and Roman battle site. Last in the series.
9.00 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz, with David Mitchell and Cariad Lloyd, taking on Jon Richardson and Russell Howard.
10.00 FILM: **The Impossible (2012).** A family spending Christmas in Thailand are separated in the 2004 tsunami and struggle to find each other in the ensuing chaos. Drama, with Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor.
12.15 FILM: **Admission (2013).** Comedy drama, starring Tina Fey.
2.05 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Peri remains trapped in the bunker with Nico. (R)
4.10 **Supershoppers.** (R)
4.35 **Phil: Secret Agent Down Under.** A couple look for a property in Sydney. (R)
5.30 **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Milkshake! Monkey **6.05** Peppa Pig **6.10** Angelina Ballerina **6.25** Bob the Builder **6.35** Wanda and the Alien **6.45** Zack and Quack **7.00** Pets **7.05** Fireman Sam **7.20** Pip Ahoy! **7.30** Little Princess **7.50** Paw Patrol **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.30** Noddy in Toyland **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.55** Shimmer and Shine **9.25** Peppa Pig **9.35** Peppa Pig
9.40 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The crime-fighting brothers encounter a friendly robot. (R)
10.15 **The Gadget Show.** Ortis and Jon hope to find some gadgets that turn them into master bakers. (R)
11.10 FILM: **Attack on the Iron Coast (1968).** Second World War drama, starring Lloyd Bridges.
1.00 FILM: **Snowed in at Christmas (2015).** Drama, starring Ayla Kell.
2.50 FILM: **Matchmaker Santa (2012).** Romantic comedy, with Lacey Chabert and Adam Mayfield.
4.30 FILM: **Christmas Mail (2010).** Festive romantic comedy, starring Ashley Scott and AJ Buckley.
6.15 **NCIS.** The team tries to trace the history of a gun believed to have been used in a murder at a naval base, and the relatives of the child who found the weapon come under suspicion. (R)
7.05 **NCIS.** CIA agent Trent Kort returns to track down a dangerous criminal, and Gibbs is forced to put his personal feelings aside to assist in the investigation. (R)
8.00 **NCIS: New Orleans.** The team tackles the militia that has been targetting Pride head-on after his student daughter Laurel is attacked while out jogging on campus.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Aston Villa v Blackburn Rovers, and Sheffield Wednesday v Ipswich Town.
10.00 FILM: **Sex and the City 2 (2010).** Fashion-conscious writer Carrie escapes the strain of married life with a disaster-strewn trip to Abu Dhabi. Comedy sequel, with Sarah Jessica Parker and Kristin Davis. Includes 5 News Update at 11pm.
12.45 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 FILM: **Quarantine (2008).** A TV camera crew gets trapped in a quarantined building where a deadly virus is spreading. Remake of Spanish horror Rec, starring Jennifer Carpenter and Steve Harris.
4.40 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
4.50 **House Doctor.** A West Midlands home is overhauled. (R)
5.15 **House Doctor.** A couple from Milton Keynes hope to move to France. (R)
5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** Rafe settles an argument. (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children In Need

6pm

A report on this year's fundraising event, with the presenters joining walkers raising money for charity. John Craven and a teenager who has arthritis walk across Northern Ireland's Giant's Causeway, and Anita Rani meets a girl with Down's Syndrome in the Brecon Beacons.

Operation Gold Rush with Dan Snow

9pm

Dan Snow, Felicity Aston and Dr Kevin Fong build a wooden boat, following original designs for the vessels used during the Gold Rush. This vessel must carry them across hundreds of miles of treacherous lakes and rivers, including the infamous One Mile Rapids.

The X Factor

8pm

Dermot O'Leary presents the results of last night's show, revealing which acts are safely through to the next stage, before the lowest scoring competitors face the dreaded sing-off in front of judges Simon Cowell, Louis Walsh, Nicole Scherzinger and Sharon Osbourne to determine who will be eliminated from the competition.

Humans

9pm

Karen and Pete learn of a special synth being sold on the black market for an unprecedented sum. Hester uses dubious means to get information from her prisoner, while Mia takes a risk to help Ed, which may result in her secret being exposed. Laura must decide whether to accept Niska's request.

MTV European Music Awards 2016

9pm

Bebe Rexha hosts the awards ceremony from the Ahoy Rotterdam stage. The show features live performances from Lukas Graham, Bruno Mars and Shawn Mendes, who makes his first appearance at the event and is nominated in four categories.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.40 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Bournemouth v Sunderland, and West Ham United v Stoke City. (R)
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** Naga Munchetty presents a topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00 **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Philip Serrell and Catherine Southon provide expert advice as the antiques competition heads to Exeter, while Tim Wonnacott visits Sherbourne Castle in Dorset. (R)
1.15 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.30 **Points of View.** Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments.
1.45 **FA Cup Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents updates, scores, news and goals from today's FA Cup first-round matches, as well as reaction to today's Premier League fixtures.
4.15 **Lifeline.** Brenda Blethyn presents an appeal on behalf of The Prince's Trust.
4.25 **Escape to the Country.** A couple look for a home in Devon. (R)
4.55 **Songs of Praise.** David Grant presents the second stage of the Gospel Choir of the Year contest, featuring six more singing groups performing in the Hackney Empire.
5.35 **BBC News.**
5.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.00 **Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children In Need.** A report on this year's fundraising event, with the presenters joining walkers raising money in Giant's Causeway, the Brecon Beacons, Edinburgh, Surrey and the Lake District. Including weather for the week ahead.
7.15 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal the results of last night's show, before the two couples with the lowest scores compete in a dance-off. Featuring music from Gary Barlow.
8.00 **Planet Earth II.** New series. Wildlife that inhabit remote islands, including three-toed sloths, nesting albatrosses, marine iguanas and penguins on the Antarctic island of Zavodovski.
9.00 **Poldark.** George erects fences around his land, and Demelza is badly beaten for trespassing. An angry mob marches on Trenwith, and Ross tries to prevent violence. Last in the series.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, which included Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur, Liverpool v Watford, and Swansea v Manchester United.
12.00 **Citizen Khan.** Mr Khan is made to sleep in the car after forgetting his wedding anniversary. (R)
12.30 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
12.35 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.15 **The A to Z of TV Gardening.** Carol Kirkwood looks at subjects beginning with the letter M. (R)
7.00 **Glorious Gardens from Above.** Christine Walkden descends on Norfolk. (R)
7.45 **Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein.** The horticulturist plants the first seeds of the year. (R)
8.15 **Greatest Gardens.** Three very different secret hideaways in Co Derry and north Antrim. (R)
8.45 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Anita Rani present the show from Herefordshire. (R)
9.45 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Highlights of the series.
11.15 **Great British Menu.** The winning chefs cook at the Palace of Westminster. Last in the series. (R)
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** Mark Chapman presents football discussion.
1.00 **The Good Cook.** Simon Hopkinson creates a simple but tasty pasta dish. (R)
1.30 **Flog It!** Paul Martin presents the show from Dorchester. (R)
2.30 **Live Cycling.** The Track Cycling World Cup.
5.30 **MOTD: FA Cup Highlights.** Manish Bhasin present action from the first-round matches.
7.00 **Inside Obama's White House.** Exploring how Barack Obama got re-elected for a second term and tried to tackle America's most intractable social problems – guns, immigration and race. Last in the series. (R)
8.00 **Coast: The Great Guide.** Tessa Dunlop and Neil Oliver explore the Irish Sea shoreline that fringes the coasts of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Last in the series.
9.00 **Operation Gold Rush with Dan Snow.** The team builds a wooden boat using original designs from the Gold Rush to traverse hundreds of miles of treacherous lakes and rivers, including an infamous stretch of rapids.
10.00 **Mock the Week.** Ed Byrne, Zoe Lyons, Milton Jones, Nish Kumar and Josh Widdicombe join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)
10.30 **QI XL.** Sandi Toksvig invites Aisling Bea, Corey Taylor and Ross Noble and Alan Davies to answer questions associated with nosey and noisy in an extended edition of the comedy panel game.
11.15 FILM: **Dead Poets Society (1989).** A teacher at a staid New England school in the 1950s raises eyebrows by encouraging his pupils to live life beyond their expectations. Drama, with Robin Williams and Ethan Hawke.
1.20 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Anita Rani present the show from Herefordshire. (R)
2.15 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Morven's future in the hospital is uncertain after she becomes involved with one of the patients. (R)
3.15 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Sooty **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story **7.00** Super 4 **7.15** Oddbods
7.25 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!**
7.30 **Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters.** Animated comedy. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.** Cartoon about a mischievous youngster. (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: Looped.**
8.30 **Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go.** A family is trapped in a city that is being overtaken by rising ocean tides.
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children. (R)
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Bear Grylls Survival School.** Bear demonstrates the tricky technique of commando crawling along a rope.
10.00 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine.
11.00 **Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy.** Gino D'Acampo explores the central region of Umbria. (R)
11.30 **Chopping Block.** The final day sees the focus fall on Italian-inspired dishes. (R)
12.30 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.40 **All Star Family Fortunes.** With Brian Blessed and Rebecca Adlington. (R)
1.25 **The X Factor.** The live show phase continues. (R)
3.05 **Midsomer Murders.** A woman is found drowned during a local carnival. (R)
5.05 **Tipping Point.** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
6.05 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **Off Their Rockers.** New series. Joey Essex is the victim of a prank in the first episode of the fourth series. Mo takes part in a bull run and Seb dons a mankini.
7.00 **The Next Great Magician.** New series. Stephen Mulhern and Rochelle Humes showcase the world's greatest magic acts. Each week, six illusionists display their skills, then one goes through to the final.
8.00 **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary presents the results of last night's show, and the lowest scoring acts compete in a sing-off to determine who will be eliminated from the competition.
9.00 **Tutankhamun.** Angry mobs protest against the Pharaoh's mummy being removed from its tomb, while Carnarvon falls terminally ill, and tries to make peace with Carter and Evelyn. Last in the series.
10.05 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.20 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (R)
11.15 **Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights.** David Flatman and Andy Goode present action from the opening round, including Gloucester v Saracens, Newcastle Falcons v Northampton Saints and Harlequins v Exeter Chiefs.
12.15 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas.
3.00 **Motorsport UK.**
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

Channel 4

6.20 FILM: **Captain Ron (1992).** Comedy adventure, starring Kurt Russell.
8.00 **The Simpsons.** Homer recalls his musical heyday. (R)
8.30 **The Simpsons.** Mr Burns campaigns to become state governor. (R)
9.00 **The Simpsons.** Lisa develops a crush on a teacher. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer.
12.30 **Simpsons Day: The Simpsons.** Homer skips church. (R)
1.00 **Simpsons Day: The Simpsons.** With the voice of Lisa Kudrow. (R)
1.25 **Simpsons Day: The Simpsons.** Homer starts a snowplough business. (R)
1.55 **Simpsons Day: The Simpsons.** Homer goes back to college. (R)
2.25 **Simpsons Day: The Simpsons.** Marge tackles a conman. (R)
2.55 **Simpsons Day: The Simpsons.** Homer is sent into space. (R)
3.25 **Simpsons Day: The Simpsons.** Homer becomes a union representative. (R)
3.50 **Simpsons Day: The Simpsons.** Mr Burns fights over his beloved teddy bear. (R)
4.20 FILM: **The Princess Diaries (2001).** Family comedy, starring Anne Hathaway.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Prince Philip: The Plot to Make a King.** The inside story of the fierce tensions that were unleashed when Princess Elizabeth, the future queen, fell in love with Prince Philip after the Second World War. (R)
8.00 **Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales take a two-stage trip across Scotland, travelling along the Caledonian Canal before venturing on a 60-mile journey into the Highlands.
9.00 **Humans.** Karen and Pete learn of a special synth being sold on the black market, Hester uses dubious means to get information from her prisoner, and Mia risks exposing her secret to help Ed.
10.00 **Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
11.05 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz, with David Mitchell and Cariad Lloyd, taking on Jon Richardson and Russell Howard. (R)
12.05 **Jimmy Carr: Laughing & Joking.** Stand-up comedy from London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)
1.00 **The Last Leg.** With guests Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer. (R)
1.55 **The World's Weirdest Weather.** The influence of strange weather on the natural world. (R)
2.50 **Travel Man: 48 Hours in Naples.** (R)
3.15 **Location, Location, Location.** House-hunting in Edinburgh. (R)
4.10 **Phil: Secret Agent Down Under.** Property expert Phil Spencer heads to Sydney. (R)
5.10 **Deal or No Deal.** Another contestant hopes to win big money. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Milkshake! Monkey **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.10** Peppa Pig **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.25** Bob the Builder **6.40** Wanda and the Alien **6.50** Zack and Quack **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.10** Fireman Sam **7.20** Pip Ahoy! **7.35** Little Princess **7.45** Paw Patrol **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.30** Noddy in Toyland **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.00** Shimmer and Shine **9.25** Peppa Pig **9.35** Peppa Pig **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.55 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The heroes crash on an alien planet. (R)
10.30 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (R)
11.25 **Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops.** Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong.
11.55 FILM: **The Christmas Shepherd (2014).** Drama, starring Teri Polo.
1.35 FILM: **Merry Kissmas! (2015).** Premiere. Romance, starring Karissa Staples and Brant Daugherty.
3.25 FILM: **The Christmas Secret (2014).** Drama, starring Bethany Joy Lenz.
5.05 FILM: **2012 (2009).** Disaster movie, starring John Cusack.
8.00 **Ice Road Truckers.** The roads begin to melt under the drivers' wheels, and Art Burke fights to keep his rig above ground on a rapidly thawing ice crossing.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **MTV European Music Awards 2016.** Bebe Rexha hosts the awards ceremony from the Ahoy Rotterdam stage. The show features live performances from Shawn Mendes, making his EMA debut, Lukas Graham and Bruno Mars.
11.20 **Most Shocking Moments in Pop 2.** Celebrating outrageous events from the world of pop music, including Grace Jones hitting Russell Harty on his chat show, and George Michael's dubious driving. (R)
2.05 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
4.00 **Tattoo Disasters UK.** People who regret their tattoos share the stories behind them, including a woman who was desperate to erase a former partner's name from her wrist. (R)
4.25 **Tattoo Disasters UK.** Transgender taxi driver Melissa wants her space tattoo removed and the episode also features Tom, who self-inked a tribute to his son and misspelled his name. (R)
4.50 **House Doctor.** Ann Maurice works her magic on an arty garden flat in the Kensal Green area of west London, where the owners are finding it difficult to attract a buyer. (R)
5.15 **House Doctor.** Ann Maurice applies her home improvement remedies to a house in Spennymoor, Co Durham, for the purpose of finding a buyer as soon as possible. (R)
5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** Mick and Ellie help to resolve a squabble. (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

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Died peacefully and surrounded by love on October 21, 2016, in the Severn Hospice, Shrewsbury. Too young, and after a long illness faced full on. Beloved Wife of Martin for 27 great years and loving and devoted Mother to Imogen, Saskia and Jack. Much loved Daughter, Sister and Aunt. GP, Palliative Care Specialist, Gardener, Doyenne of Ridgemount, Headmaster's Wife, Friend to so many. A life fully lived.

Funeral for Family and Friends at St Edith's Church, Church Pulverbatch, Shropshire, SY5 8DS, at 2pm on Friday, November 4.

Black only if chic, beautiful shoes, favourite handbags. Tie if you wish, but absolutely no black ones.

Afterwards at Great Lyth Manor, SY3 0BA.

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at Shrewsbury School at a later date (for which she wanted the HRR dress code, especially blazers).

Donations, if desired, to The Christie Charity Breast Cancer Research Fund. A beastly disease.

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DAVIES

Marlene

Passed away peacefully on October 17, 2016, aged 78 years.

Will be sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Oswestry, on Tuesday, November 8, at 2pm, followed by Interment at Oswestry Cemetery.

Flowers or donations if desired to Hope House Children's Respite Hospice.

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STEADMAN

Kath

Beloved Wife of Bob, loving Mum to Sandra, Margaret, Diane and Barbara, very much loved Granny, Sister and Aunty, passed away in hospital.

The Funeral Service will be held in Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury, on Friday, November 11, at 12.30pm.

Family flowers only please, however all kind donations will support the work of The Hospice at Home Team.

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WHINCUP

Bill

Formerly of Mog Cottage, Ruyton-XI-Towns. Beloved Husband of the late Brenda, a much loved Brother and Uncle, passed away peacefully in Oswestry.

The Funeral Service will be held in Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury on Thursday, November 10, at 11.30am.

Family flowers only please, however there will be a retiring collection at Emstrey.

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The 2017 Mazda3 is marked by a revised grille with a stronger three-dimensional look and a new front fog light bezel

Appealing to drivers who need to control

By Graham Breeze

Bosses at most car manufacturers tend to bamboozle me when talking technical, which is just what happened at a launch event for the new Mazda3.

When it came time to explain why the new 2017 model stuck like glue to some of the most demanding roads Scotland had to offer you needed a degree in motor engineering to understand what was being said.

So to put things in layman's language let's just say the updated Mazda3, 2-litre 165PS model I tested handled like a dream and it was soon clear why the Scottish Highlands had been chosen to demonstrate its' stickability.

I've learned it's all down to Mazda's SKYACTIV technology which improves the connection between car and driver and a system named G-Vectoring Control (GVC) which varies engine torque and optimises load on the front wheels.

By monitoring steering and throttle position when you enter a corner under power, GVC momentarily reduces the amount of torque delivered to the front wheels, transferring a fraction more weight onto the front axle which allows the front wheels to turn more precisely.

Even on a straight road, GVC can reduce driver fatigue by cleverly taking away the need for the tiny corrections that some drivers make when driving straight. In doing this GVC lowers driver effort and reduces the amount of head and body sway small steering corrections can create for passengers.

The Mazda3 handled pretty well before but this takes things to a new level and it really has to be driven to appreciate just how good this new system is.

Highlights across the full Hatchback and Fastback range include, sub-tle exterior changes and an updated cabin. There's four specification levels and the 2017 Mazda3 is priced from £17,595 to £24,195.

Outwardly you won't spot a lot of difference, though the 2017 Mazda3 is marked out by a revised grille with a stronger three-dimensional look and a new front fog light bezel. Across both body styles, revised door mirrors feature wraparound turn indicators, while hatchback versions have a redesigned rear bumper.

I couldn't detect a lot of difference inside the cabin either, though Mazda claim updates include higher quality switch panels and handle bezels on the doors, plus a newly designed trim insert on the dashboard.

The adoption of an electric parking brake is new, creating space for a more practical centre console, and there's a new leather steering wheel, which if combined with leather seats is heated.

A stand-out feature is the adaption of full-colour on the heads–up display system showing not only driving speed, but speed limits and driving instructions when used in conjunction with the SatNav system.

There are no changes when it comes to interior space and this model rates really well against opposition in the sector with the spacious boot easily passing the golf club test.

Across the range the 2017 Mazda3 now features auto power folding door mirrors, while range-topping Sport Nav versions get LED headlights and LED daytime running lights.

All 2017 Mazda3s come with chrome side mouldings, a shark-fin antenna and body-coloured door mirrors. On Sport Nav cars the redesigned grille is black metallic, while this range topping model also benefits from front and rear parking sensors.

The Mazda3, 2-litre 165PS model tested costs £22,370 and produced 48mpg while emitting 135g/km of CO2 and is a car that will really appeal for the driver who needs to feel in control.

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11	**FORD MONDEO EDGE TDCI EST.** SILVER, FULL SERV. HIST., ONE PREV. OWNER 64K	£7,495
11	**POLO SEL Tdi 90 1.6,5 DR.**, SILVER, AC, ALLOY WHEELS ONE OWN, F.S.H £30 ROAD TAX 55K	£6,995
62	**VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 1.6**, BLACK, LEATHER SEATS, ALLOY WHEELS, AIR CON. 41K	£6,985
62	**FIESTA 1.4 TDCI ZETEC, 3 DOOR**, SILVER, ALLOY WHEELS, AIR CON, TINTED WINDOWS, ELECTRIC FOLDING MIRRORS, £20 ROAD TAX, 32K	£6,495
60	**VAUXHALL ASTRA SRI CDTI 160 BHP 5 DOOR**, SILVER, ALLOY WHEELS, CRUISE CONTROL 60K	£6,250
12	**SUZUKI SPLASH SZ4**, BLUE, FULL SERVICE HISTORY, ONE OWNER £30 ROAD TAX 10K	£5,995
63	**FIAT PUNTO GBT**, ORANGE, SERVICE HISTORY 11K	£5,895
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61	**CITROEN C4 VTR+HDI 91**, BLUE. £20 ROAD TAX 49K	£5,695
12	**NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 1.2, 5 DOOR**, MET. RED, FULL SERVICE HISTORY. £30 ROAD TAX 42K	£5,295
60	**TOYOTA YARIS TR D-4D**, BLUE, ALLOY WHEELS, AIR CON., SERV. HIST. £20 ROAD TAX 68K	£4,995
61	**FORD KA 1.2 ZETEC, START/STOP**, METALLIC RED, SERVICE HISTORY £30 ROAD TAX 36K	£4,595
60	**PEUGEOT 207 S 1.4, 5 DOOR**, BLACK, AIR CON, ELEC. WINDOWS, SERVICE HIST 36K	£4,350
58	**HONDA JAZZ I-VTECH EX**, BLUE, FULL SERVICE HISTORY 52K	£4,695
11	**V/W FOX 1.2 URBAN**, BRIGHT RED, ELEC. WINDOWS, REMOTE LOCKING, F.S.H. 46K	SOLD
09	**PEUGEOT 207 VERVE 1.4 5 DR.**, BLUE, CD, AIR CON, ALLOY WHEELS, SERV. HIST. 49K	£3,695
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07	**FORD FOCUS STYLE DIESEL**, GREY, SERVICE HISTORY 61K	SOLD
58	**PEUGEOT 308 VERVE**, METALLIC RED, FULL SERVICE HISTORY, 51K	£3,195
56	**FIAT PUNTO ACTIVE 1.2 5 DOOR**, GREY, CENT.LOCKING, CD PLAYER, JUST SERV. AND CAMBELT CHANGED 36K	£2,495

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11	**V/W CADDY MAXI 102PS C20 TDI** BLUE, AIR CON., TWIN SIDE DOORS, RACKING IN REAR, SERVICE HISTORY 49K	£6,495
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62	**TRANSIT CONNECT T200,** WHITE, SIDE DOOR, ONE OWNER 41K	£5,395
12	**VAUXHALL ASTRA CLUB ECOFLEX,** WHITE, SERVICE HISTORY 75K	£4,295
10	**ASTRA CLUB CDTI 6 SPEED,** WHITE, SLIDING SHELVES IN REAR, ROOF RACK, SER HIST. 61K	£3,995
11	**PEUGEOT BIPPER Hdi PROFESSIONAL, SIDE DOOR,** WHITE, CENTRAL LOCKING, AIR CONDITIONING, SERVICE HISTORY, 57K	£3,995
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15	**FORD FIESTA ZTEC 1.5 TDCI,** Red	SOLD
63	**TOYOTA AYGO Mode VVTi,** Red, low mileage	£4995
13	**FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCI,** Titanium Red	£5995
59	**FORD FIESTA 1.5TDCI,** Diesel	£3,995
57	**BMW X3 SI SE,** Grey Metallic, Vehicle Must Be Seen	£5,895

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12	**VW POLO 1.2 SE** Black, 3-door, 56,000 miles	£5695
61	**VAUXHALL CORSA EXCITE 1.2** Red, lady owner	Only £3995
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60	**MINI ONE 1.6 Diesel,** White, previous local owner, must be seen	SOLD
09	**FIAT 500 POP 1.2.** White	£3895
57	**SUZUKI SWIFT SPORT 1.6,** Black, low mileage	£3795
56	**VAUXHALL VECTRA** Exclusive 1.8 Red Metallic	£2895
55	**VW SE TOURAN** 7 Seater, Diesel	SOLD
54	**FORD FIESTA FLAME** 5-dr. Silver	£2495
54	**PEUGEOT 206,** quicksilver very clean car	£1775
05	**CITROEN C3 DESIRE 1.4** black, economical car	£1575
02	**SMART CAR,** Locally owned	£1675

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04	**VAUXHALL TIGRA SPORT,** Silver	£1295
03	**FORD STREET KA** Blue Convertible	£1795

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Dangers of not knowing what to do in breakdowns

Many UK motorists can't change a tyre

A survey has found that more than half of UK motorists don't know how to change a car tyre.

Research conducted by Holts found that of the 1,000 people questioned, almost half would have no idea what to do if they experienced a breakdown at the roadside.

Further from this, 23 per cent admitted that they would rather use a tyre filler as a replacement to having to change the tyre itself.

Despite motorists being quizzed on car maintenance during their driving test, 44 per cent admitted that they wouldn't know how to act if they had to stop at the side of a motorway because of a mechanical issue.

Incredibly, 13 per cent of those questioned admitted that they had used the hard shoulder for reasons other than an emergency, such as a child needing the toilet or even, amazingly, to have a picnic.

Concern

With the winter months quickly drawing in and the nights becoming longer, more 32 per cent of those quizzed said that breaking down at the side of the road was one of their biggest concerns, sitting above flat tyres and potential collisions.

On top of this, 89 per cent of these motorists added that they experienced road rage while behind the wheel, with dangerous drivers cited as the top reason for causing anger.

Claire Fenton, from Holts, said: "Flat tyres can come at the worst times – when you've got a car full of children, are running late to a special occasion or on the way to work – and this can be inconvenient, time consuming and stressful.

"As well as highlighting how many drivers feel stressed, anxious or angry on the road, it showed that many motorists wouldn't know how to change a tyre on their car or what to do if they break down on the motorway hard shoulder."

Bold new trial could shake up used car buying market

Skoda is testing a new approach to selling used cars where information on a car's personality is shared with customers.

Skoda is piloting a new approach to selling used cars that will attempt to make the process more personal for potential customers.

People who are trading in or upgrading their Skoda will be asked to provide information on details such as the car's nickname, what personality traits it has, and what memories it helped to create.

This information will then be shared with potential future owners in an attempt to give them a greater insight into a more personal side of the car's history.

Nick O'Neill, national used car manager for Skoda UK, said: "For the sales guys in the showroom, it's a different conversation starter.

"It's really about generating that initial interest and having a nice conversational topic and appealing to the emotional side of a purchase rather than the purely rational.

"Then the sales guys can step in and talk about what the car comes with and all of that additional information."

Reconsideration

Based on a survey of 2,000 people and the cars they owned previously, O'Neill said that Skoda managed a 73 per cent reconsideration rate – the highest out of any manufacturer the company tested.

"We have such a high reconsideration rate that we thought to ourselves, 'What better people to help sell our used cars than the previous owners', because 73 per cent of them, the research shows, would be willing to buy another Skoda," he added.

Skoda has chosen the London-based Willis Motor Company as the location for the three-month pilot.

Proprietor Dennis Willis said: "We've been selling used cars for more than 25 years, and I've seen first-hand the way that the relationship between owners and their cars has changed.

"People don't just own a car now – they love it, it becomes part of them and their life. No one has done anything like this in the industry to reflect that shift: Skoda is breaking new ground."

Commenting on what this approach would mean for Skoda dealers around the country if it proves successful, O'Neill said: "This is part of a long-term strategic overhaul for used cars.

"We highlighted this to our retailers at a conference recently, so we're looking to redesign certain parts of the features and benefits programme.

"Ultimately, if we can see demonstrable benefits – and by demonstrable I mean we can see increased internet click-though activity on the basis of what we're doing and we can see improved stock turn and or profitability of selling used cars this way – I would seriously consider making this a part of our sales process going forward.

"We haven't put this in place as a nice exercise, the metrics that we are measuring this against are cold hard, sales metrics. Ultimately the success and failure of this will be based on: did we sell the cars faster, did we see increased internet activity, and has it had a demonstrable business benefit."

From a customer point-of-view, O'Neill believes the fresh approach will provide buyers with a greater level of nuanced, emotional information that they would otherwise not be able to get, enriching the car-buying journey in the process.

"It's about sentimentality, it's about emotion and it's about giving people a set of information that they would have never been given before in the used car purchase journey."

In addition to the showroom pilot, any Skoda ads listed on Auto Trader by Willis Motor Company will also feature this more personal information about the car.

The scheme will appeal to the emotional side of a purchase rather than the purely rational

And what do you call your car?

Now could be time to charge up

With the price of petrol and diesel on the rise, the case for making the switch to an electric vehicle has never been stronger. As they come down in price, electric cars are becoming more attainable and usable as a daily car. We've had a look at some reasons why you should be making the change.

Day-to-day running costs are lower

Although more expensive than traditionally-powered cars to buy, once the initial outlay is passed the daily running costs are considerably lower. First and foremost, the car's vehicle tax is free. That means no monthly or yearly payments, and no worries about forgotten tax, either.

Thanks to electric motors having just one moving part, servicing costs are minimal too. Whereas owners of petrol-powered cars will pay around £400 for maintenance each year, an electric vehicle's servicing costs will come in at around £96, according to Go Ultra Low. A recent study by Go Ultra Low found that electric cars could be run for as little as 2p per mile, meaning that everyday trips will be significantly cheaper when compared to those undertaken in a petrol or diesel car.

Charging points are more frequent

When electric cars first came to market, many consumers were put off by a lack of charging points across the country's road network. However, this is no longer the case. In the Chargemaster network alone there are over 5,000 public charging points for customers, meaning that there shouldn't be an area that isn't covered.

They're appearing on the used car market

Dial back a few years, and the only way to enter into the electric car market was to buy a new one. Now however, many models are appearing on the used market, giving buyers a chance to experience electric driving but for a fraction of the brand-new cost.

Nissan's Leaf is a consistent feature on the used car market, with some examples available from under £6,000, with just 60,000 miles on the clock.

The Government grant could soon change

Up until now, motorists have been able to take advantage of a Government grant offered up to £2,500 off the price of a new electric vehicle. However, this is due to change following this month's spending review.

It's a good time to buy, as there's little doubt that the grant will be left untouched following the review. Although the price of electric cars is falling, the vast majority still remain at a higher price than their petrol or diesel-powered counterparts.

Despite smaller-capacity petrol engines becoming more efficient by the day, the argument is still there to make the switch to electric cars. With charging points more frequently available, and used examples springing up on the market, it's as good a time as any to make the change to all-electric. With lower running costs, it's an easy way to ensure that your car doesn't cost the earth, especially when it comes to servicing and maintenance.

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2015 64	**HONDA CIVIC 1.6i Diesel SE+ Estate,** Silver Metallic, One Owner, 5000 Miles, Reverse Camera, Zero Road Tax,	SOLD
2013 63	**HYUNDAI i40 1.7 CDTi STYLE** Manual, 5-door, Hatch, Metallic Grey, 36,000 miles, FSH	£9,999
2009 59	**JAGUAR XF LUXURY 3.0 V6 DIESEL AUTO,** Blue Metallic with Silver Grey Leather, 2 Owners, 53,000 Miles, Sunroof, Sat Nav, Heated Steering Wheel & Seats, FSH	£11,499
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2014 64	**SUZUKI SX4 S-CROSS 1.6** Manual, Metallic Green, 1 Owner, 18,000 miles, FSH	£10,699
2009 59	**TOYOTA AURIS 1.4 VVTi LIMITED EDITION,** Grey Metallic, 61,000 Miles, 2 Owners	£3,999
2013 13	**VAUXHALL CORSA 1.0 S** 5-door, Manual, Bright Red, 15,000 miles, FSH	£5,999
2012 62	**VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.8 DESIGN.** Manual, Bright Red, 1 Owner, 7 Seats, 29,000 miles	£6,999
2010 10	**VAUXHALL ASTRA .16 EXCLUSIVE** 5 Door, Green Metallic, 35,950 miles, One Family Owner, Air Con, Alloy Wheels, FSH	£5,999
2006 56	**VOLVO C30 1.8 SE** 3-door, Green Metallic with Leather Seats, 66,000 Miles, 17" Alloy Wheels	£3,999
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How they stand

Sky Bet Football League One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S'thorpe Utd	16	10	4	2	36	16	34
Bolton Wdrs	16	9	4	3	20	11	31
Bradford City	16	7	8	1	22	14	29
Sheffield Utd	15	8	4	3	26	18	28
Bristol Rvrs	16	7	5	4	26	23	26
N'hampton Twn	16	6	6	4	27	23	24
Rochdale	16	7	3	6	19	18	24
P'borough Utd	16	6	5	5	26	19	23
Wimbledon	16	6	5	5	23	21	23
Fleetwood Twn	16	6	4	6	23	21	22
Port Vale	16	6	4	6	20	24	22
Walsall	15	5	6	4	20	21	21
Millwall	15	6	3	6	25	27	21
Charlton Ath	15	4	8	3	18	14	20
Bury	16	6	2	8	24	25	20
Southend Utd	16	5	5	6	18	25	20
Oxford Utd	16	5	4	7	18	20	19
Coventry City	16	4	7	5	15	17	19
Gillingham	16	4	5	7	22	29	17
MK Dons	16	4	4	8	20	25	16
Swindon Twn	16	4	4	8	16	23	16
Oldham Ath	16	3	6	7	9	18	15
Chesterfield	16	3	3	10	16	24	12
Shrewsbury	16	2	5	9	16	29	11

Vanarama National North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
AFC Fylde	16	11	4	1	44	23	37
Darlington	16	11	3	2	43	22	36
Kidderminster	16	9	4	3	30	14	31
Chorley	17	8	7	2	23	13	31
FC Halifax Twn	16	9	3	4	36	20	30
Gloucester City	15	8	3	4	34	22	27
Brackley Twn	15	7	6	2	24	16	27
Harrogate Twn	16	8	3	5	28	22	27
Salford City	16	7	5	4	30	20	26
Tamworth	15	8	2	5	27	25	26
Stockport Cnty	15	7	3	5	22	21	24
Worcester City	16	5	4	7	27	25	19
Gainsborough	16	5	4	7	27	36	19
AFC Telford Utd	16	4	6	6	12	16	18
FC Utd of Man	17	4	5	8	24	29	17
Alfreton Twn	15	5	2	8	37	43	17
Boston Utd	16	4	5	7	20	28	17
Nuneaton Twn	16	3	6	7	25	26	15
Curzon Ashton	16	3	5	8	20	35	14
S'bridge Celtic	16	3	0	13	12	38	9
Altrincham	16	1	4	11	17	42	7
Bradford PA	17	1	4	12	15	41	7

Evo-Stik League
Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shaw Lne AFC	14	9	4	1	29	11	31
Spalding Utd	14	9	3	2	29	16	30
Newcastle Twn	14	10	0	4	23	15	30
Witton Albion	11	8	2	1	25	8	26
Basford Utd	16	6	5	5	25	27	23
Chasetwn	13	6	3	4	23	19	21
S'bridge PS	14	6	3	5	18	19	21
Leek Twn	13	5	5	3	20	19	20
Rushden & D	11	5	4	2	20	14	19
Romulus	14	5	4	5	17	19	19
Belper Twn	14	5	3	6	16	16	18
Bedworth Utd	11	5	2	4	22	21	17
Gresley	12	4	5	3	21	24	17
Kidsgrove Ath	13	5	1	7	24	22	16
Northwich Vic	15	4	4	7	24	24	16
Mkt Drayton	15	5	1	9	19	27	16
Sheffield	15	4	2	9	18	23	14
L'borough D	16	4	2	10	16	35	14
Lincoln Utd	10	3	3	4	12	15	12
Stamford	9	3	2	4	14	16	11
Carlton Twn	13	2	2	9	14	25	8
Rugby Twn	13	1	2	10	9	23	5

Hallmark Security Football League
First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Whitchurch A	19	14	1	4	48	21	43
Charnock R	18	13	2	3	50	25	41
City Liverpool	19	12	2	5	50	26	38
Alsager Twn	16	11	3	2	39	19	36
Sandbach Utd	17	11	1	5	38	22	34
L'lnd REMYCA	15	9	3	3	42	27	30
Prestwich H	14	8	2	4	37	19	26
Widnes	15	8	2	5	37	30	26
Daisy Hill	16	7	3	6	31	35	24
Stockport Twn	15	7	2	6	43	38	23
Oswestry Twn	16	6	4	6	31	30	22
Carlisle City	17	6	3	8	35	41	21
Holker OB	16	6	2	8	27	29	20
Silsden	15	6	1	8	33	31	19
Bacup Boro	17	5	4	8	19	27	19
Chadderton	15	5	3	7	31	36	18
Cheadle Twn	16	5	3	8	34	45	18
St Helens Twn	16	4	5	7	33	40	17
Atherton LR	18	4	3	11	25	46	15
Blackpool	17	1	4	12	17	43	7
Eccleshall	15	1	3	11	21	55	6
Ashton Twn	14	1	0	13	12	48	3

Midland Football League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Alvechurch	18	10	5	3	36	16	35
Lye Twn	15	9	5	1	28	14	32
Westfields	12	10	0	2	36	15	30
Coleshill Twn	16	9	3	4	33	21	30
Sptg Khalsa	15	8	3	4	34	19	27
Quorn	16	7	2	7	23	26	23
L'borough Un	13	6	4	3	25	15	22
Coventry Utd	12	7	1	4	18	13	22
St Andrews	14	7	1	6	23	19	22
Heanor Twn	13	6	4	3	22	21	22
Walsall Wood	15	6	1	8	23	26	19
Shepshed Dyn	14	5	3	6	28	28	18
Cov Sphinx	13	4	5	4	28	23	17
Rocester	14	4	4	6	29	35	16
Long Eaton Utd	14	4	4	6	22	28	16
AFC Wulfs	15	5	1	9	14	29	16
S'port Swifts	14	3	4	7	16	26	13
Shawbury Utd	16	4	1	11	28	40	13
Highgate Utd	13	4	1	8	18	30	13
Boldmere	13	2	6	5	15	17	12
Tividale	13	3	2	8	15	27	11
Brocton	12	2	0	10	14	40	6

West Midlands Regional League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Haughmond	16	13	1	2	60	19	40
W'Ton Spt Com	15	12	3	0	51	12	39
Ellesmere Rgrs	16	10	1	5	45	29	31
Smethwick	19	10	1	8	32	39	31
Malvern Twn	14	9	2	3	47	18	29
Willenhall Twn	19	8	2	9	38	45	26
Wellington	15	8	1	6	38	29	25
BC Rgrs	16	7	4	5	38	31	25
Bewdley Twn	16	7	4	5	42	37	25
Pegasus Jnrs	15	8	0	7	30	30	24
W'Ton Casuals	13	7	0	6	39	27	21
Shifnal Twn	15	6	3	6	26	29	21
AFC Bridgnorth	18	6	3	9	36	48	21
Wellington Ams	17	6	2	9	32	47	20
Bilston Tn Com	16	6	1	9	30	45	19
Cradley Twn	15	5	3	7	23	25	18
Stone OA	17	4	6	7	25	31	18
Dudley Twn	17	4	1	12	24	47	13
Dudley Sports	13	2	2	9	18	34	8
Gornal Ath	14	0	0	14	4	56	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hereford LC	14	14	0	0	72	10	42
Newport Twn	15	9	4	2	50	22	31
Tipton Twn	13	8	3	2	29	19	27
Old Wulfs	12	7	3	2	32	20	24
Worcs Raiders	10	7	2	1	34	16	23
Wednesfield	12	7	2	3	37	20	23
Darlaston Twn	11	6	4	1	27	14	22
Wyrley	13	6	3	4	18	25	21
Wrens Nest	12	6	2	4	24	20	20
Bustleholme	15	6	1	8	34	44	19
Wem Twn	15	3	4	8	32	42	13
F C Stafford	12	4	1	7	28	46	13
St Martins	12	3	1	8	24	39	10
Penncroft	11	3	0	8	21	39	9
Kington Twn	13	1	4	8	23	39	7
Team Dudley	13	1	3	9	16	37	6
Shenstone P	9	1	1	7	7	33	4
Bromyard Twn	12	0	2	10	12	35	2

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Allscott	12	7	4	1	31	18	25
West Brom Utd	11	6	1	4	27	12	19
Telford Juniors	11	5	3	3	33	24	18
Malvern Res	12	5	2	5	26	32	17
Tipton Yth AFC	12	4	4	4	27	26	16
Wonder Vaults	10	5	1	4	20	21	16
Sikh Hunters	11	4	3	4	29	33	15
Gornal Colts	10	4	2	4	22	19	14
Warstone Wdrs	9	4	2	3	22	20	14
AFC Broseley	8	4	1	3	19	21	13
W'Ton Utd	10	4	0	6	23	33	12
Emerald Ath	6	1	3	2	11	15	6
Azaad Sports	8	1	2	5	14	18	5
Bewdley Res	10	1	2	7	21	33	5

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The New Saints	13	13	0	0	50	6	39
Gap Connah's Q	13	6	6	1	16	8	24
Bangor City	13	7	3	3	22	18	24
Bala	13	4	6	3	17	20	18
Cardiff Metro Un	13	5	2	6	16	10	17
Aberystwyth	13	5	1	7	17	23	16
Llandudno	13	3	6	4	7	15	15
Rhyl	13	4	2	7	16	35	14
Carmarthen AFC	13	3	4	6	15	20	13
Cefn Druids	13	2	6	5	19	25	12
Airbus UK B'ton	13	3	3	7	20	28	12
Newtown	13	1	5	7	13	20	8

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prestatyn	11	9	2	0	36	10	29
Flint Utd	12	8	2	2	33	14	26
Caernarfon	12	8	2	2	37	20	26
Holywell	12	7	3	2	19	7	24
Porthmadog	12	7	1	4	27	19	22
Guilsfield	12	6	3	3	26	16	21
Caersws	12	6	2	4	29	25	20
Gresford Ath	12	6	0	6	28	19	18
Buckley	12	4	2	6	21	32	14
Llanfair Utd	12	4	2	6	15	27	14
Mold Alex	11	3	2	6	17	42	11
H'head Hotspur	12	2	4	6	21	23	10
Penrhyncoch	12	3	1	8	19	25	10
Denbigh	12	2	4	6	18	28	10
Conwy Borough	12	3	1	8	20	38	10
Ruthin	12	1	1	10	12	33	4

Spar Mid Wales League
Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rhayader	13	10	3	0	31	7	33
Berriew	13	9	2	2	46	17	29
Carno	11	7	2	2	29	17	23
Knighton	13	6	3	4	20	18	21
Llanrhaeadr	10	6	1	3	28	15	19
Bow Street	12	6	1	5	24	19	19
Aberaeron	13	5	4	4	22	20	19
Hay St Mary's	11	5	3	3	23	16	18
Ll'dod Wells	11	4	3	4	22	28	15
Machynlleth	12	4	2	6	19	30	14
Radnor Valley	12	3	3	6	21	27	12
Llanidloes	10	3	3	4	14	21	12
Tywyn/Bryncrug	10	1	1	8	16	35	4
Welshpool	12	1	1	10	8	31	4
Montgomery	11	1	0	10	7	29	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Borth Utd	10	8	2	0	28	9	26
Kerry	11	7	2	2	28	13	23
Dolgellau Ath	11	6	2	3	25	20	20
Builth Wells	11	6	1	4	29	26	19
Ll'ffraid Village	13	5	3	5	21	18	18
Abermule	12	4	5	3	29	20	17
Churchstoke	9	4	2	3	28	21	14
Presteigne St A	12	3	3	6	19	31	12
Four Crosses	10	3	2	5	11	14	11
N'bridge-on-Wye	9	3	2	4	23	27	11
Dyffryn Banw	11	3	1	7	13	23	10
Aber Uni	6	1	1	4	8	16	4
Penybont	11	0	4	7	12	36	4

Greenhous Shrewsbury & District Sunday League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Atho Market	7	5	0	2	28	22	15
Cruckton Rvrs	4	4	0	0	13	4	12
Instones Utd	6	3	1	2	15	11	10
Loppington	5	3	0	2	16	14	9
Pontesbury	4	2	0	2	12	9	6
Rock Rvrs Youth	4	2	0	2	10	8	6
Kinnerley	5	2	0	3	16	18	6
Coton Rvrs	6	1	0	5	8	23	3
The Gates	5	0	1	4	6	15	1

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beacon	6	4	1	1	14	9	13
Compasses	6	3	2	1	15	11	11
Norbury	6	3	0	3	18	9	9
Telegraph	5	3	0	2	14	9	9
Radbrook	5	2	1	2	13	12	7
Red Barne	5	2	1	2	6	7	7
Steam Wagon	4	0	2	2	7	11	2
Anchor Inn	5	0	1	4	7	26	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S.A.H.A. Youth	6	5	1	0	25	11	16
Unison	7	5	0	2	35	14	15
Snailbeach	5	3	0	2	20	15	9
Boars Head	6	3	0	3	14	14	9
White Lion	5	2	1	2	18	15	7
Crown Coleham	5	2	0	3	8	11	6
Minsterley Rgrs	5	2	0	3	13	23	6
Duddlestone Hth	7	0	0	7	8	38	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bomere Heath	6	6	0	0	51	11	18
Dun Cow	6	3	2	1	31	20	11
Harlescott Rgrs	5	3	1	1	27	13	10
Onslow	7	3	0	4	35	28	9
Brockton Rvrs	6	3	0	3	26	24	9
Bull In Barne	6	3	0	3	18	24	9
Harlescott SC	7	2	0	5	14	33	6
Coracle Utd	7	2	0	5	17	52	6
Charles Darwin	6	1	1	4	14	28	4

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Crown Abbey F	7	5	1	1	21	12	16
Heath Farm Rgrs	7	4	1	2	23	11	13
Wheatsheaf	5	4	0	1	17	6	12
Unicorn	6	4	0	2	19	10	12
Beeches	7	4	0	3	13	15	12
Dorrington	5	3	1	1	19	11	10
Old PO Wem	6	1	2	3	12	11	5
Dolphin AFC	6	1	1	4	17	26	4
Three Fishes	5	1	0	4	6	17	3
Dun Cow Youth	6	0	0	6	8	36	0

Telford & Wrekin's Chris Heath goes on the attack at the Roman Road Sports Centre during the thrilling 4-3 over Shropshire rivals Shrewsbury in Hockey's Midlands Two. ■ Picture: Richard Dawson.

Sportsjam Regional League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Oakengates Ath	11	7	2	2	31	14	23
Rock Rvrs	12	6	3	3	35	27	21
Madeley Sports	10	5	4	1	24	12	19
Church Stretton	10	5	3	2	26	19	18
Gobowen Celtic	12	5	2	5	33	36	17
Childs Ercall	11	5	1	5	29	21	16
Clee Hill Utd	11	5	1	5	27	27	16
Prees	12	4	2	6	35	38	14
Shifnal Utd 97	11	4	2	5	24	34	14
FC Hodnet	10	2	4	4	16	25	10
W'wardine Wd	11	2	3	6	24	33	9
Bridgnorth Res	11	2	1	8	13	31	7

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
O'gates Rgrs	13	12	0	1	64	20	36
Shrewsbury Jnr	11	9	0	2	76	19	27
St Georges Utd	12	8	2	2	42	20	26
Newport Res	12	8	1	3	46	14	25
Madeley Spt Res	12	8	1	3	37	23	25
Stoke Heath	11	6	3	2	71	29	21
Craven Arms	12	5	4	3	40	24	19
Brown Clee	11	6	0	5	35	23	18
FC Oswestry Res	10	5	3	2	37	28	18
St Martins Village	10	4	2	4	34	26	14
Riverside	13	4	2	7	34	27	14
W'church A Jnrs	11	3	3	5	33	36	12
Albrighton FC	12	3	3	6	33	45	12
Coven Utd	10	3	2	5	24	34	11
AFC Shifnal	11	1	0	10	22	71	3
AFC Broseley	13	0	0	13	12	63	0
Denso	12	0	0	12	10	148	0

Under 21

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wellington Ams	8	5	0	3	35	17	15
AFC Bridgnorth	6	4	1	1	13	5	13
W'wardine Wd	5	3	1	1	15	8	10
Market Drayton	4	2	0	2	9	7	6
FC Oswestry	6	2	0	4	8	16	6
W'church A Jnrs	5	0	0	5	3	30	0

Telford Sunday Football League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Randlay Utd	7	7	0	0	50	4	21
Dawley Wdr Vets	7	5	0	2	28	15	15
Honeysuckle	6	4	1	1	25	15	13
Barley	5	4	0	1	20	10	12
Dawley Social	7	4	0	3	26	28	12
Shifnal North End	6	3	1	2	22	15	10
Riverside	7	1	3	3	20	19	6
Travellers Joy	5	2	0	3	12	19	6
Lord Hill Mkt D'ton	7	2	0	5	13	38	6
Captain Webb	4	1	0	3	8	22	3
Celtic Spartans	6	0	1	5	9	27	1
Bulls Head DBV	5	0	0	5	6	27	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wrekin	7	5	1	1	37	8	16
Ironbrige	5	5	0	0	23	1	15
Joiners Arms	6	5	0	1	24	6	15
Whitehorse Ath	6	4	2	0	24	8	14
Church Wickets	7	4	1	2	29	7	13
Cosford Utd	5	3	1	1	26	12	10
The Falcon	7	3	0	4	19	22	9
St Georges	6	2	0	4	7	16	6
W'dine Wd Jnrs	8	0	1	7	13	35	1
Telford Rgrs	7	0	1	6	7	32	1
Britannia	6	0	1	5	8	70	1

J T Hughes Montgomeryshire Amateur League
Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llanfyllin	9	6	1	2	35	15	19
Waterloo Rvrs	7	5	2	0	23	8	17
Berriew Res	8	4	2	2	19	16	14
Guilsfield Res	7	4	1	2	13	11	13
Caersws Res	8	3	3	2	24	16	12
Morda Utd	9	3	2	4	14	15	11
Llanfair Utd Res	10	3	2	5	16	23	11
Llanymynech	7	3	1	3	13	21	10
Meifod	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
Llanrhaeadr Res	9	0	2	7	12	33	2
Newtown Rvrs	5	0	0	5	6	19	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Maesyrhandir	9	7	0	2	30	19	21
Kerry Res	9	6	1	2	35	23	19
Carno Res	8	5	2	1	28	13	17
Trewern Utd	7	5	0	2	36	13	15
Newtown Wdrs	2	19	12	13			
Llangedwyn	6	4	0	2	20	13	12
Abermule Res	9	2	3	4	20	25	9
Bishops Castle	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
Welshpool Res	8	1	2	5	14	29	5
Waterloo Rvr Res	9	1	2	6	12	34	5
Trefonen	8	1	1	6	14	33	4
Llanfechain	8	1	0	7	12	34	3
4 Crosses Res	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Clive & District Billiards

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Preston	6	3	2	1	13	11	13
Wem Cons	5	3	1	1	12	8	12
Monty's	5	3	2	0	12	8	12
Clive	5	2	1	2	11	9	11
Hodnet	5	2	3	0	8	12	8
Harlescott	5	1	3	1	8	12	8
Stanton	5	1	3	1	8	12	8

Shrewsbury Bell Target League

	P	W	L	D	PAve
Unison	4	4	0	0	8179.75
HSC B	4	3	0	1	7173.38
Telepost	4	3	1	0	6177.13
Briedden	4	2	2	0	4180.13
Marchamley	4	1	2	1	3170.63
Condover	3	1	2	0	2173.83
The Cock	3	0	3	0	0163.50
HSC A	4	0	4	0	0162.75

English Rugby Clubs
National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Caldy	9	7	1	1	314	136	37
Sale	9	7	0	2	284	154	35
Sedgley Park	9	6	2	1	282	203	34
Leicester Lions	9	7	0	2	229	159	33
Chester	9	6	0	3	236	190	32
Stourbridge	9	6	0	3	245	183	29
South Leicester	9	3	2	4	241	242	24
Luctonians	9	4	0	5	244	263	22
Tynedale	9	3	1	5	199	269	20
Sheffield Tigers	9	4	0	5	211	249	19
Otley	9	4	0	5	165	219	18
Scunthorpe	9	4	0	5	152	253	17
Hinckley	9	3	0	6	163	256	14
Preston Grass	9	2	0	7	196	224	13
Wharfedale	9	2	0	7	193	264	11
Harrogate	9	1	0	8	127	217	8

National League 3 Midlands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nuneaton	8	6	1	1	258	124	31
Sheffield	8	6	0	2	227	140	30
Sandbach	8	5	0	3	231	193	26
Derby	8	5	0	3	219	162	25
Towcestrians	8	4	1	3	193	166	24
Old Halesonians	8	5	0	3	201	173	23
Broadstreet	8	4	0	4	197	146	21
Longton	8	4	0	4	230	207	21
B'ham & Solihull	8	4	1	3	143	152	18
Bridgnorth	8	3	0	5	155	188	16
P'borough Lions	8	2	1	5	153	212	15
Lichfield	8	2	1	5	158	263	14
Syston	8	2	1	5	128	279	10
Bedford Athletic	8	1	0	7	152	240	8

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport, Salop	8	8	0	0	251	143	37
Burton	8	6	0	2	277	113	30
Bournville	8	6	0	2	252	207	29
Stratford U Avon	8	5	0	3	197	130	26
Stoke on Trent	8	5	1	2	176	145	26
Wolverhampton	8	5	0	3	148	159	22
Worcester	8	3	1	4	174	196	17
Hereford	8	3	1	4	125	164	16
Moseley Oak	8	3	0	5	171	237	15
Whitchurch	8	3	0	5	145	197	14
Sutton Coldfield	8	2	0	6	131	169	13
Dudley Kings	8	2	0	6	164	183	11
Kenilworth	8	2	0	6	140	240	11
Crewe & N'wich	8	1	1	6	169	237	11

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S'bridge Lions	6	5	1	0	207	64	27
Camp Hill	6	5	0	1	205	82	26
Walsall	6	4	1	1	153	83	21
Stafford	6	4	0	2	143	118	20
Leek	6	3	0	3	194	130	18
Tamworth	6	4	0	2	111	147	16
Veseyans	6	3	0	3	99	135	15
Kidderminster	6	2	0	4	131	144	10
Old Saltleians	6	2	0	4	93	108	10
Old Yardleians	6	1	0	5	105	164	9
Shrewsbury	6	1	0	5	62	159	6
Newcastle, Staffs	6	1	0	5	72	241	5

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ludlow	6	6	0	0	308	83	30
Burntwood	6	5	0	1	204	103	24
Cleobury M	6	5	0	1	185	108	24
Handsworth	6	4	0	2	198	116	21
Cannock	6	4	0	2	133	134	18
Telford Hornets	6	4	0	2	78	118	16
Uttoxeter	6	2	0	4	158	158	11
Harborne	6	2	0	4	148	187	11
Clee Hill	6	1	0	5	94	162	8
Willenhall	6	1	0	5	116	229	8
Edwardians	6	2	0	4	102	176	4
Eccleshall	6	0	0	6	76	226	2

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Trentham	6	5	0	1	303	46	26
Barton-U-N'wd	6	5	0	1	161	70	23
Five Ways OE	6	5	0	1	125	76	22
Rugeley	6	4	0	2	93	95	19
Bloxwich	6	4	0	2	79	83	18
Wednesbury	6	3	0	3	102	95	14
Essington	6	2	0	4	105	120	12
St Leonards	6	2	0	4	110	129	12
Yardley & Dist	6	2	0	4	105	142	10
Aston OE	6	2	0	4	94	140	10
Church Stretton	6	1	0	5	49	208	6
Bishops Castle	6	1	0	5	57	179	5

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Market Drayton	3	3	0	0	121	25	15
Chaddesley C	3	3	0	0	80	35	13
Greyhound	3	2	0	1	127	57	10
Aldridge	3	1	0	2	84	62	6
Tenbury	3	1	0	2	61	81	6
Stourport	4	1	0	3	55	152	5
Warley	3	0	0	3	24	140	0

Northern Division South Lancs/Cheshire Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Douglas IOM	8	8	0	0	298	139	36
L'pool St Helens	8	6	0	2	252	164	31
Broughton Park	8	5	0	3	285	131	27
Manchester	8	5	1	2	270	201	26
Glossop	8	5	0	3	190	125	25
Southport	7	5	0	2	193	166	24
Bowdon	8	4	0	4	246	185	23
New Brighton	8	5	0	3	196	201	22
Widnes	8	4	0	4	203	169	22
Manchester M	8	2	1	5	168	186	15
Sefton	8	3	0	5	150	174	14
Anselmians	9	2	0	7	190	337	10
Wigan	8	1	0	7	91	313	7
Oswestry	8	0	0	8	101	342	-4

Midland Hockey
Men's First Teams Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutton Coldfield	5	5	0	0	24	9	15
Warwick	5	5	0	0	21	6	15
Rugby & EW	5	4	0	1	21	13	12
Edgbaston	5	4	0	1	13	6	12
Barton	5	3	1	1	29	15	10
Stone	5	2	1	2	22	21	7
Warwick Unity	5	2	0	3	15	21	6
Northampton Sts	5	1	0	4	15	21	3
Old Halesonians	5	1	0	4	8	16	3
Burton	5	1	0	4	7	16	3
Bridgnorth	5	1	0	4	8	21	3
Sikh Union Nottm	5	0	0	5	8	26	0

Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chesterfield	5	4	1	0	32	10	13
Hampton-in-Arden	5	4	1	0	21	12	13
Telford & Wrekin	5	4	0	1	19	17	12
Boots	5	3	1	1	34	14	10
Stratford	5	2	2	1	13	7	8
Streetly	5	2	2	1	20	16	8
Coventry & NW	5	1	1	3	14	15	4
Coalville	5	1	1	3	11	23	4
Finchfield	5	0	3	2	18	22	3
Shrewsbury	5	1	0	4	12	23	3
Old Silhillians	5	1	0	4	10	31	3
Leicester	5	0	2	3	6	20	2

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stafford	5	4	0	1	16	9	12
Bloxwich	5	4	0	1	14	8	12
Market Drayton	4	3	0	1	17	7	9
Sikh Union Cov	4	3	0	1	15	10	9
Aldridge & Walsall	5	3	0	2	15	11	9
Bromsgrove	4	3	0	1	11	7	9
Solihull B'field	5	2	0	3	11	11	6
Ludlow	4	1	0	3	13	9	3
Kings Hth P'wick	4	0	1	3	6	16	1
Wednesbury	4	0	1	3	2	15	1
Leamington	4	0	0	4	3	20	0

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Bromwich	5	5	0	0	31	10	15
Wolverhampton	5	5	0	0	20	1	15
Redditch	5	5	0	0	20	5	15
Old Wulfrunians	5	3	0	2	20	10	9
Pershore	5	2	0	3	24	19	6
Yardley	5	2	0	3	10	13	6
Droitwich Spa	5	2	0	3	10	16	6
Evesham & B	4	0	0	4	4	21	0
Newtown	4	0	0	4	4	23	0
Barlaston	5	0	0	5	3	28	0

Midlands Women's Hockey League
Midlands Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Edgbaston I	5	5	0	0	17	3	15
North Notts I	5	4	0	1	20	5	12
Leek I	5	4	0	1	13	8	12
L'boro Students II	5	3	0	2	14	12	9
Shrewsbury I	5	2	1	2	13	13	7
Matlock B I	5	2	1	2	9	10	7
Cannock II	5	1	1	3	9	16	4
Stourport II	5	1	0	4	11	11	3
Olton & WW II	5	1	0	4	7	25	3

S'pshire Ladies Hockey

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wem/MD I	6	5	1	0	32	3	29
Shrewsbury II	6	5	0	1	27	6	21
Bridgnorth II	6	4	1	1	13	4	9
Montgomery	6	2	0	4	4	13	-9
Wem/MD II	6	2	0	4	6	22	-16
Shrewsbury III	6	2	0	4	4	23	-19

Ron's Gents Hairdressing Shrewsbury & District Domino League
Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Frankwell CC	7	5	2	0	36	20	12
Rock A	6	5	1	0	34	14	11
Telegraph CB	7	4	2	1	32	24	10
Belle Vue Tavern	7	4	2	1	32	24	10
Horseshoes	7	3	3	1	31	25	9
Rock B	6	3	2	1	28	20	8
Corbett Uff A	7	4	0	3	26	30	8
Telepost	7	2	3	2	27	29	7
Compasses A	7	2	2	3	28	28	6
Monkmoor/Belv.	7	2	2	3	25	31	6
Boars Head	7	3	0	4	25	31	6
Brooklands A	7	2	1	4	26	30	5
Cross Foxes B	7	1	2	4	25	31	4
Unison	7	1	2	4	23	33	4
Crown A	7	1	1	5	24	32	3
Reman/Compas	7	0	1	6	18	38	1

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Red Lion	7	5	2	0	33	23	12
Rock C	7	3	3	1	32	24	9
Plough	7	4	1	2	31	25	9
Monkmoor	7	4	1	2	30	26	9
Telegraph RO	7	3	2	2	32	24	8
Prce of Wales A	7	2	4	1	30	26	8
Telegraph A	7	3	1	3	29	27	7
Woodman B	6	2	3	1	25	23	7
Woodman A	6	3	1	2	25	23	7
Beeches A	7	2	2	3	27	29	6
Harlescott SC	7	2	2	3	26	30	6
Harry Hotspur	7	1	3	3	25	31	5
Heathgates B	6	2	1	3	22	26	5
Masonic B	7	1	2	4	25	31	4
Telegraph B	7	0	3	4	21	35	3
Compasses B	6	1	1	4	19	29	3

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Horseshoes A	7	6	0	1	40	16	12
Old Bell	7	4	2	1	32	24	10
Compasses BH	7	3	2	2	31	25	8
Beeches B	6	3	2	1	29	19	8
Bird	6	3	2	1	26	22	8
Masonic A	7	3	1	3	26	30	7
Bull in the Barn B	6	3	1	2	24	24	7
Corbett B	5	2	3	0	22	18	7
Cressage	7	2	1	4	25	31	5
Anchor HG	6	2	1	3	24	24	5
Bagley	6	2	1	3	24	24	5
Bull in the Barn A	6	2	1	3	24	24	5
Admiral Duncan	6	2	1	3	21	27	5
Rock D	6	0	2	4	16	32	2
Cross Foxes A	6	0	0	6	12	36	0

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wheatsheaf	6	5	0	1	28	20	10
Heathgates A	5	4	0	1	26	14	8
Crown B	6	2	3	1	27	21	7
Greenfields BC	6	2	3	1	27	21	7
Inn on the Green	6	3	1	2	24	24	7
Brick Copthorne	5	3	1	1	21	19	7
Red Lion	6	3	0	3	25	23	6
Prince B	5	2	1	2	21	19	5
Dolphin	5	2	1	2	20	20	5
Coach	5	2	0	3	21	19	4
Brooklands B	5	1	2	2	19	21	4
Three Fishes	6	0	1	5	14	34	1
Brittania	6	0	0	6	12	36	0

Robin Jones Shrewsbury Invitational Dominoes

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
BVT	9	7	1	1	43	29	15
Telegraph	9	5	1	3	42	30	13
Dog & Pheasant	9	5	3	1	37	35	11
HSC	9	4	2	3	39	33	11
Compasses	9	4	3	2	41	31	10
Telepost	9	4	3	2	35	37	10
Anchor	9	3	2	4	39	33	10
FCC	9	3	2	4	38	34	10
HeathgateS	9	4	4	1	35	37	9
Cross Foxes	9	3	4	2	35	37	8
Rock & Fountain	9	2	3	4	38	34	8
POW	9	2	4	3	35	37	7
Albion	8	3	5	0	29	35	6
Masonic	8	2	4	2	28	36	6
Brooklands	9	2	7	0	27	45	4
Postal	9	2	7	0	27	45	4

Wem & District Darts

	P	W	L	F	A	+-	P
Stanton Arms	4	4	0	28	8	20	8
Hole In The Wall	4	4	0	27	9	18	8
Castle Hotel	4	3	1	25	11	14	6
White Lion	4	3	1	23	13	10	6
Red Castle	4	3	1	22	14	8	4
Fox Inn	4	2	2	21	15	6	4
Wem Crick Club	4	2	2	15	21	-6	4
Wem Utd Serv	4	2	2	14	22	-8	4
Prees Club	4	1	3	14	22	-8	2
Dickin Arms	4	0	4	16	20	-4	0
Wem Spts & Soc	4	0	4	7	29	-22	0
Tilstock BTC	4	0	4	4	32	-28	0

Wem Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	+-	P
White Lion	4	4	0	24	12	12	8
Red Castle	4	3	1	19	17	2	6
Wem Crick Club	4	3	1	19	17	2	6
Wem Spts & Soc	4	3	1	18	18	0	6
Prees Club	4	2	2	19	17	2	4
Stanton Arms	4	2	2	19	17	2	4
Fox Inn	4	2	2	17	19	-2	4
Hole in the Wall	4	2	2	17	19	-2	4
Wem Utd Serv	4	1	3	18	18	0	2
Castle Hotel	4	1	3	17	19	-2	2
Dickin Arms	4	1	3	15	21	-6	2
Tilstock BTC	4	0	4	14	22	-8	0

Insight Building Solutions Newport Singles

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ant Heathcote	6	5	1	0	11	1	11
Colin Pink	6	5	0	1	10	2	10
Mick Collins	6	4	2	0	10	2	10
Paul Lucas	6	4	2	0	10	2	10
Ben Longstaff	6	3	3	0	9	3	9
Neil Dale	6	3	3	0	9	3	9
Mick Hughes	6	3	2	1	8	4	8
Anthony Allen	6	2	3	1	7	5	7
Dean Smith	6	2	3	1	7	5	7
Ed Keenan	6	2	3	1	7	5	7
Andy Lewis	6	1	4	1	6	6	6
Johnny Holland	6	1	4	1	6	6	6
Luke Jones	5	2	1	2	5	5	5
Stu Morrey	6	2	1	3	5	7	5

Arthur Hawkins Newport District Domino League

	P	W	T	P
Lion	6	5	26	36
Bowling Club A	6	5	25	35
Legion Aces	6	4	25	33
Three Horseshoes	6	3	22	28
Bowling Club B	6	3	21	27
Childs Ercall Club	5	3	17	23
Legion Seamers	6	2	18	22
Wheatsheaf Bees	5	2	16	20
Wheatsheaf Wasps	5	1	14	16
Legion Yorkers	5	0	12	12

Elcock Reisen Broseley Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Red Lion	7	6	1	30	19	48
Albion	6	4	2	26	16	38
Lion B	6	4	2	23	19	35
3 Lions	6	4	2	22	20	34
Down/Outs	6	3	3	22	20	31
Pressies	6	3	3	21	21	30
Lion A	7	2	5	20	29	22
Cricket	6	1	5	16	26	19
Old Boys	6	1	5	16	26	19

Market Drayton & District Billiards & Snooker
Snooker Division 1

	P	W	D	L	P
Raven	4	4	0	0	13
Newport Literary B	4	3	1	0	13
Newport Legion A	5	3	1	1	13
Edgmond B	4	2	2	0	10
Hodnet B	5	2	1	2	10
Newport Literary C	4	2	0	2	9
Edgmond D	5	2	0	3	9
Con Club	5	1	1	3	8
Newport Literary A	5	1	1	3	7
Market Drayton Legion A	5	0	2	3	5
Newport Legion B	4	0	1	3	3

Snooker Division 2

	P	W	D	L	P
Newport Literary D	5	4	1	0	15
Mkt Drayton L D	5	4	1	0	14
Calverhall	5	2	2	1	12
Hodnet C	5	2	2	1	12
Hodnet A	4	2	0	2	8
Edgmond A	5	1	2	2	8
Edgmond C	4	1	1	2	7
Hodnet D	4	1	1	2	7
Newport Leg C	5	0	2	3	7
Hales	4	0	3	1	6
Mkt Drayton L C	4	0	1	3	4

Duke of York Sunday Morning Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Lamb	19	16	3	60	35	32
Coalport B	19	13	6	54	41	26
Lion	19	11	8	52	43	22
Duke of York	19	9	10	47	48	18
Station	18	9	9	44	46	18
Foresters	18	9	9	41	49	18
Alex	18	7	11	40	50	14
Coalport A	16	4	12	40	40	8
Bell & Bails	18	4	14	32	58	8

Telford Singles & Doubles Domino League

	P	F	A	P
Rec Club	6	33	21	13
Maddocks	6	33	21	12
Horseshoes A	5	32	13	12
Talbot	6	25	29	9
Bulls Head A	5	25	20	8
Albion	5	23	22	8
Bulls Head B	5	23	22	8
Wendy House	6	23	31	8
Railway B	5	24	21	7
White Hart	5	19	26	7
Horseshoes B	5	22	23	6
Railway A	5	19	26	5
Park Hotel	5	16	29	4
White Horse FR	5	16	29	4

Telford Snooker League
Heath Hill Building & Roofing Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Shifnal B	6	5	1	21	9
Dawley C	5	4	1	18	7
Hadley B	5	4	1	17	8
Maddocks A	5	4	1	17	8
Dawley A	6	3	3	17	13
Eden G	6	3	3	13	17
Eden A	5	2	3	11	14
Bayley E	6	1	5	10	20
Shifnal F	4	2	2	8	12
Maddocks E	5	1	4	7	18
Bayley B	5	0	5	6	19

Roden Scaffold Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A
Maddocks C	6	4	2	20	10
Bayley D	6	4	2	19	11
Eden Elite	6	3	3	19	11
Maddocks 2nd	6	4	2	18	12
Allscott	6	4	2	17	13
Shifnal D	6	4	2	17	13
Maddocks F	6	4	2	16	14
Dawley B	6	3	3	16	14
Anstice B (Dawley)	6	2	4	15	15
Bayley Lads	6	2	4	10	20
Bayley Cue	6	2	4	9	21
Bayley Z	6	0	6	4	26

Shrewsbury & District Snooker League
Bright Motors Snooker League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Wem USC A	5	5	0	19	6	19
Harlescott A	4	4	0	18	2	19
Beaconsfield B	6	4	2	18	12	18
Unison D	5	3	2	18	7	18
Beaconsfield A	5	3	2	16	9	16
Harlescott D	5	3	2	15	10	16
Stanton A 5	3	2	14	11	15	
Unison A	5	4	1	13	12	13
Meole Brace A	4	2	2	12	8	12
Meole Brace F	6	2	4	9	21	12
Harlescott B	5	1	4	11	14	11
Preston Brockhurst	5	1	4	7	18	7
Unison B	6	0	6	5	25	5
Bagley B	5	1	4	4	21	4

A B F Carpets Division Two

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Bagley C	6	5	1	19	11	19
Wem USC C	5	5	0	19	6	19
Unison C	6	4	2	17	13	17
Beaconsfield C	6	4	2	17	13	17
Unison F	5	4	1	17	8	17
Bagley A	6	3	3	16	14	16
Meole Brace D	5	3	2	15	10	15
Old Shrewsbury A	6	3	3	15	15	15
Meole G	5	3	2	15	10	15
Harlescott C	6	3	3	15	15	15
Harlescott E	5	2	3	12	13	12
Unison E	6	2	4	11	19	11
Meole Brace E	5	1	4	9	16	9
Wem USC B	6	1	5	8	22	8
Harlescott F	6	0	6	5	25	5

Bridgnorth Snooker

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Broseley B I	8	7	0	1	29	11	36
Shifnal B I	7	6	0	1	25	10	31
Chelmarsh B I	7	6	0	1	24	11	30
Highley B I	7	4	0	3	21	14	25
St John's I	7	3	0	4	19	16	22
Alveley C II	7	2	0	5	12	23	14
Chelmarsh D II	7	2	0	5	10	25	12
Alveley B II	7	1	0	6	10	25	11
Broseley A II	7	1	0	6	10	25	11

Sportsjam School Netball League
Under 13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Priory	5	4	0	1	37	11	12
Marches	4	2	1	1	18	20	8
Meole	2	2	0	0	15	3	6
Mary Webb	2	1	0	1	15	7	4
Corbet	2	1	0	1	9	17	3
Shrews AC G	4	0	0	4	11	26	3
Belvidere	3	1	0	2	11	38	3
Shrews AC S	2	0	0	2	2	2	0

Under 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Priory	3	3	0	0	58	14	9
Marches	3	1	1	1	36	16	6
Corbet	1	1	0	0	13	9	3
Shrews AC	3	1	0	2	14	58	3
Mary Webb	1	0	0	1	11	17	1
Meole	1	0	0	1	2	14	0
Belvidere	2	0	0	2	4	20	0

Under 15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Priory	2	2	0	0	50	3	6
Shrews AC	3	1	0	2	47	39	5
Meole	1	1	0	0	15	10	3
Belvidere	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
Marches	2	1	0	1	21	38	3
Mary Webb	2	1	0	1	4	27	3
Corbet	2	0	0	2	7	27	1

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Domino League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Penybont Inn	7	4	2	1	23	19	10
Cross Fox G'wen	7	3	3	1	25	17	9
T W L Oswestry	7	4	1	2	23	19	9
Y O V Oswestry	6	3	2	1	24	12	8
H'shoe L'blodwel	6	3	2	1	22	14	8
Station L'tffraid	7	3	2	2	24	18	8
B L Oswestry A	6	4	0	2	20	16	8
B'ford Arm Knoc	6	3	2	1	19	17	8
B Horse M'brook	7	2	2	3	18	24	6
Lion L'tffraid	7	2	1	4	20	22	5
Bell Oswestry	6	1	2	3	16	20	4
B L Oswestry B	7	2	0	5	17	25	4
Oak Oswestry	3	0	1	2	6	12	1
W'stay Llansilin	6	0	0	6	7	29	0

Bridgnorth & District Dominoes League
Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	T
Golden Lion	6	3	3	0	28	20	9
Highley WMC	6	4	1	1	27	21	9
AFC A	6	3	2	1	25	23	8
Chelmarsh A	6	1	3	2	25	23	5
Islanders	6	2	1	3	24	24	5
Alveley SSC	5	2	1	2	20	20	5
Fosters A	5	2	1	2	20	20	5
Goldens	6	1	2	3	22	26	4
Malt Shovel	6	0	4	2	22	26	4
Bowling Club A	6	1	2	3	19	29	4

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	T
Bylet	5	4	1	0	25	15	9
Royal Oak	5	4	0	1	23	17	8
Fosters B	6	2	3	1	26	22	7
Rugby Club	5	2	2	1	19	21	6
Bowling Club B	5	2	1	2	19	21	5
AFC B	6	2	0	4	26	22	4
Woodberry Inn	5	2	0	3	20	20	4
Chelmarsh B	5	1	1	3	16	24	3
Duke of York	3	1	0	4	18	30	2

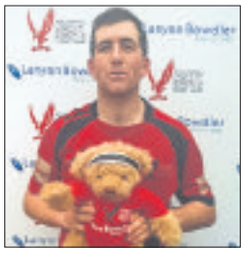
MJS Window Cleaning Services Bridgnorth Five-A-Side League
Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Extraction FC	7	7	0	0	24	4	21
GTE Trans	6	4	0	2	14	9	12
Alveley	6	3	1	2	7	8	10
Pheonix FC	7	3	1	3	7	11	10
The George	5	2	0	3	6	6	6
Down Inn	7	1	2	4	4	9	5
S'thorne OB	7	1	1	5	6	15	4
Brown Clee	5	0	3	2	2	7	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cressage	5	5	0	0	20	5	15
The Horse	5	3	0	2	10	5	9
Bulldog 2012	5	2	2	1	10	6	8
Tractor Boys	5	2	2	1	7	9	8
Perry Electrical	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Claverley	5	2	0	3	8	10	6
Highley	5	2	0	3	8	15	6
Burwarton Ath	5	1	2	2	8	9	5
Black Horse	5	1	1	3	6	11	4
Assured FC	5	0	2	3	5	12	2

Eagles hit by late try – and look for elusive win



Man of the match Matt Colee

STRUGGLING Oswestry came agonisingly close to their first win of the season before being edged out 29-25 at home to basement rivals Wigan in rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire One.

The Eagles looked set for a welcome victory, but were stunned by a try in the last minute to leave them marooned 11 points adrift at the foot of the table following their eighth straight defeat.

Both sides were looking for their first success of the campaign, and it was Oswestry who started brightly as they adjust to life in the higher league despite being without several key players.

Some good kicking from Ryan Sorrell had the hosts on the front foot, while man of the match Matt Colee drove the pack forward as they gained an early lead.

Well placed on the visitors five-metre line, scrum half Nick Clay picked up from the scrum before off loading to No8 Colee who drove over the line for a fine try, Sorrell converting

This spurred Wigan whose speedy backs conjured a couple of well-worked tries as they opened up a 17-7 lead to stun the home side. The Eagles rediscovered their fire, and scored a second try themselves when Luca Owen Youens powered over helped by a Gaz Hughes off load, Sorrell adding the conversion.

After the break, the game went from end to end, with Oswestry getting their noses in front through the dependable Scott Double who darted over for an unconverted score.

But a mistake in the tackle from the Oswestry defence allowed Wigan to level matters with a third try as the encounter at Granville Park remained nip and tuck.

The hosts had Diean Lloyd sin binned, but held firm with some fine defence to deny Wigan before his return to the field restored their numbers.

With Lloyd back on, Sorrell kicked a penalty for Os with just a few minutes left, however, out of the blue, Wigan broke free with their winger out pacing the defence to cross in the last minute to secure a 29-25 win for the visitors and break the Oswestry hearts.

Pool boss Rhos to march on in the Cup

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

WELSHPOOL launched a try blitz to keep their flag flying in the North Wales Intermediate Cup with a comfortable 68-21 victory over struggling Rhos at Maesydre.

Pool were always in the ascendancy against a side propping up the North Two East, and had their passage into the next round secured by half-time after opening up a 40-14 lead.

They saw the job through in the second period to ease into the second round of the competition sponsored by Landrover North Wales.

Looking to rebuild their confidence after the previous week's hammering at the hands of Powys neighbours Newtown, Pool ran in 10 tries in all, with No8 Ryan Goodwin and winger Paul Davies both grabbing hat-tricks.

The home side surged into a 28-0 lead courtesy of tries from fullback Tom Williams, second row Tom Holloway, Goodwin and Davies, along with four conversions from Williams, before allowing Rhos to get themselves onto the scoreboard with a score of their own.

Another score each for Goodwin and Davies, one of which was converted by Williams, sandwiched a second Rhos score, and gave 'Pool a solid 40-14 half-time lead.

With the result in the bag, Welshpool took their foot off the gas in the second half, but still managed to cross for another four tries, with Goodwin and Davies both completing their hat-tricks.

There were also scores for captain Joe Stranks and centre Dylan Walton, giving Welshpool a second record victory of the season over their visitors.

The Maesydre side now have a weekend off due to the Wales international against Australia, before returning to North Two East duty the following Saturday with a testing trip away to second placed Shotton Steel.

Meanwhile, Welshpool's youngsters have the exciting prospect of a tie away to Pontypool United following the draw for the last 16 of the WRU National Bowl. The tie will be played on Saturday, December 3.

COBRA youth went down 38-17 away to early leaders Mold in the North Wales Youth League division two.

Victory took Mold one point clear at the top while the Meifod lads are third bottom, with one win from their three outings.

COBRA's senior side, who had no action last Saturday, have another free weekend before returning to duty in the North Wales division one with a crucial home clash against fellow strugglers Bethesda the following week.

Like their youth team, they lie third bottom in the table and are one place and nine points adrift of Bethesda.

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Second rows Tom Holloway and Ben Guttridge also crossed along with fly half Dylan Walton and fullback Tom Williams who also kicked nine out of 10 conversions.

Olympians up and running again

The Oswestry Olympians ladies team at the North Wales Cross Country meeting at Mold while (below) the men line up for a team picture in the glorious sunshine

ADAM Jones and Vic McConnell led the way as Oswestry Olympians were out in force for the first race of the North Wales Cross Country at Mold.

In favourable conditions, some 15 senior men and 10 senior woman from the club battled away in a very competitive field.

And it was Jones who put his best foot forward for the senior men to finish a creditable 20th place, while McConnell, in her first race for the Olympians, came home ninth in the ladies race and was first female 60.

It proved a good day with the senior men who finished third overall, while the ladies came fourth. The next race will be held on Saturday in Llandudno. Olympians' positions:

Senior Men

20 Adam Jones SM, 22 Tim Tensely M45, 33 Simon Berkley M40, 38 Craig Lammas M40, 57 Ian Lowe M45, 68 Tim Gears M40, 70 Brian Rather M45, 71 Peter Jones M40, 84 Richard Davies SM, 104 Steve Roberts M60, 113 Rich Collins M45, 138 David Card SM, 149 Gary Clarke M40, 156 Jonny Lambert M40, 157 Rob Davies M50.

Senior Ladies

9 Viv McConnell W60, 26 Jackie Gears W40, 35 Lou Williams W35, 44 Yvonne Hill W50, 51 Susie Hancock W55, 76 Sarah Greaves W55, 78 Barbara Ward W60, 93 Kelly Clarke SW, 94 Ashling O'Donohue-Harrison SW, 111 Margot McCrone W45.

The latest returns from Shropshire golf clubs

ARSCOTT

Men's Extra Stableford Division 1: D.Fitzhugh 37pts; D. Skone 35pts; C. Davies 34pts. Division 2: R.Stott 41pts; J.Evans 39pts; P. Owen 38pts. Division 3: B.Cooke 34pts; M.Wilde 34pts; A. Ullegaddi 33pts.

BRIDGNORTH

Fayre and Feather: A Carr and M Lunn Net 57; G Poultney and A Poultney Net 58; T McDonnell and B Lewis Net 60; E Lawrence and S Farrell Net 61(cb); A Brown and A Pedley Net 61; P Dyson and M Hodgson Net 62 (cb); P Stoker and M Jones Net 62; G Hughes and T Harvey Net 63 (cb); B Cox and J Ralph Net 63 (cb); G Wall and C Oakes Net 63.

CARDEN PARK

Ladies

Daily Mail Foursomes: C Wilson and P Austin 31; A James and S Norman 31; B Martin and J Mcgrath 25.

Fairways Trophy: P Austin 101-28-73; T Gooding 85-10-75; R Barton 80-2-78.

Pink Ribbon Trophy: C Barker 20; L Robinson 17; A Jones 16.

John Broom Salver: P Austin 34; J Mcgrath 34; C Charmley 31.

Lady Captains Trophy: J Mcgrath 34; C Barker 34; H Groves 31.

Stableford: L Scott 35; T Gooding 33; L Robinson 29.

HAWKSTONE PARK

October Stableford Division 1: P Edwards 37pts; T Nixon 36pts; S Owen 35pts. Division 2: C Payne 41pts; P Hollins 35pts; P Dignum 27pts.

Ladies

4 Ball Better Ball: L Goff and J Wales 40pts; K Gleave and K Thorneycroft 34pts.

October Greensomes: V Jones-Roberts & P Smith net 75.6; L Goff & J Wales net 77.2.Ladies October 3 Ball Texas Scramble

October 3 Ball Texas Scramble: L Goff, M Moore & H Ruscoe net 66.7; V Jones-Roberts, K Weaver & J Weaver net 71.3.

Seniors

Bill Blake Trophy: P Hollins 39pts; C Tinsley 37pts; R Jones-Roberts 36pts.

Tony Walters Trophy: R Toogood 43pts; R Gleave 39pts; A Pilkington 38pts.

Juniors

October Stableford: T Welch 38pts; A Smith 35pts; T Bache 33pts.

HENLLE PARK

Pink Day Winners (Mens): K Mclean-Inglis & K Wynn 45pts. (Ladies): M Pugh-Jones & D Lawlor 38pts. (Mixed): C Tinsley & K Tinsley 41pts.

Ladies

Jane Roberts Greensomes: V Davies & D Nicol 35pts; B Aubrey & J Andrews 34pts.

Seniors

4BBB: T Hart & P Cartwright 42pts (cb); A Edwards & R Mazzerella 45pts; T Gleave & S Jervis 42pts.

LILLESHALL HALL

October Stableford: P Reynolds 34; D Green 33; A Butler 32.

October Medal Division 1: L Blocksidge 72-1=71; J Tranter 77-10=67; S Stallwood 77-10=67. Division 2: S Cornes 84-19=65; G Wallace 86-19=67; R Manns 89-19=70.

October Midweek Medal: K Gill 86-20=66; M Mackenzie 84-18 =66 3; D Lawson 85-13=72.

LLANYMYNECH

Midweek League (9 Hole Stableford): J Clewlow 24pts; D Caldwell 21; M Pugh 21; D Jones (27) 21; C Holmes 21; J Turner 20; S Gauge 19; D Evans 19; M Owen 19; S Pritchard 18; T Weetman 18.

September Stableford Division 1: C Holmes 41pts; J Edwards 40; J Smith 39. Division 2: J Negron 48; S Pugh 41; R Bonner 39. Division 3: D Jones 40; B Ayers 36; S Jones 36.

Winners and Runners Up Cup: S Jones 88-21=67; M Jones 76-11=65; M Smith 79-13=66; S Jones 88-21=67; G Pugh 78- 10=68; W Owen 87-18=69; D Griffiths 74-5=69; S Pritchard 79- 10=69; T Barlow 85-16=69; J Evans 78-9=69; H Barbour 78-8 =70; J Logsdail 77-7=70.

Northern Goldsmiths Cup: N Morris 85-17=68; H Barbour 76- 8=68; S M Jones 77-7=70; J Logsdail 78-7=71; A Lloyd 88-17 =71; D Griffiths 77-5=72; C Williams 76-4=72; P Davies 88-16 =72; J Barber 84-12=72.

Xmas AMAM (Stableford): D Griffiths, A Lewis, B Beckett & P Ord 89pts; J Cleaton, C Williams, G Pugh, A Cleaton 88pts; N Roberts, T Hammett, D Phillips, P Bond 88pts.

MARKET DRAYTON

Texas Scramble: S Hughes, D Oakes, J Oakes, C Timmis 55.8; S Atkinson, N Capper, I Corcoran, D Garrett 56.9; M Birch, W Francis, D Hand, F Turner-Handley 57.0.

Better Ball Stableford Winter League: S Fulcher & R Collins 46; D Birch & I Hand 45; W Francis & N Morris 42; M Birch & N Capper 42; G Dean & N Jeffries 42.

Ladies

October Stableford 2: P Chinnock 33; F Ives 30; P Dowler 30; H Taylor 30; S Glover 30; J Barker 30.

Jubilee Cup: A Addison 75; S Powell 77; S Duthie 81; A Cuthbert 88; H Challinor 90.

Seniors

18 hole Stableford: M Frith 35; B Salisbury 34; P Sendall 33; B Peppitt 32.

Monthly Stableford: D Leech 39; T Shepherd 38; G Edwards 36; M Faulkner 36; P Alcock 36.

Juniors

Captains Day: A Jinks 45; E Anderson 40; T Hawkins 37; M Clarke 35; G Anderson 34; S Duthie 30.

OSWESTRY

4BBB Stableford: A Roberts & A Huxley 46pts (cb); S Pierce & G Huggett 46pts; J Taylor & M Jones 45pts (cb); D Richards & C Smith 45pts; A Gilbert & J Delaney 44pts (cb); G Wilson & G Griffiths 44pts (cb).

Ladies

Poet Golf: E Moss, V Challinor & V Pound 118pts; S Evans, J Taylor & E Gill 114pts, back nine from, M Dunbar, J Jones & P Davies 114pts; C Johnson (Lady Captain) & M Evans 110pts.

SHREWSBURY

Ladies

18 Hole Stableford Division 1: S Watson 36pts; M Sherratt 35 pts; G Snodgrass 33pts. Division 2: B Hitchin 39pts; M Adams 38pts; S Combes 37pts. Division 3: C Sycamore 40pts; K George 34pts; E Withers 27pts.

THE BROW

Winter League (2): P Shore 28pts; T Williams 23 (cb); J Williams 23; L Carter 22 (cb); T Brough 22 (cb).

Champion of Champions: E Davies 38pts; M Clark 37; K Fairbank 35.

Winter League (3): P Fairbank 25pts; J Williams 24; D Talbot 23; K Fairbank 22 (cb); T Williams 22.

Hardy takes Turkey Trail win and cut

THE top five golfers all scored 36 points in Saturday's Turkey Trail at Welshpool Golf Club with Dale Hardy winning on the count-back.

But Hardy's celebration were tempered by a seven shot Turkey Trail handicap reduction from 13 to six, having finished in second place in last week's event. He edged out Roger Davies, Steve Proctor, Andrew Watkin and Martin Ward

Sunday's Turkey Trail saw Carwyn Jones complete a fine medal round of 70 to win from Mark Fletcher, who pipped Dai Ellis on the count-back with 72.

Derrick Arthur won the seniors' Monty Robinson matchplay final, beating Richie Ames 3&1 on the 17th hole. A three ball Texas Scramble was won by Ann Newell, Brent Parry and Willie Cooke with 60.25.

The first round of the seniors' winter tour was played at Northop with-Sammy Mark winning with 32 points followed by Keith Roberts with 30 and the captain, John Morley on 29.

Oswestry net terrific win over Wem

TENNIS by John Bridgwater

A TERRIFIC display saw Oswestry Tennis Club's second string sweep aside Wem's previously undefeated first team to gain their second win in the Shropshire Autumn Mixed Doubles Group 4N.

It promised to be a tough encounter against a Wem side that had won all of their matches, but the visitors were in impressive form to run out convincing 7-1 winners.

Oswestry's first pairing of Gary Edwards and Speth Cumpston made a slow start against the strong Wem first pair, quickly dropping the first four games on the way to losing the first 2-6 before they could blink.

However, they quickly adapted their strategy and turned the rubber on its head by taking the second set 6-1.

The third set deciding tie-break was nip and tuck throughout before the Oswestry pairing closed it out for a 1-0 (10-8) win to eventually secure the rubber.

The second pairing of Saffron Rainey and Carolyn Yates played superbly to dominate throughout against a strong and experienced Wem second pairing, beating their opponents in straight sets 6-3, 6-3.

In the reverse rubbers, Rainey and Yates were outplayed against the stylish Wem first pairing in losing 2-6, 3-6 which left the fixture to be decided by the final rubber of Edwards and Cumpston against the Wem second pairing.

The Oswestry pair edged the first set 7-5 and took a 3-0 lead in the second only to lose momentum and drop the set 5-7.

The deciding tie-break set was again very close before the Oswestry pairing crucially closed it out 1-0 (11-9) to take the fourth rubber giving them a seven points to one victory.

There was disappointment for the club's mixed fourth team who concluded their season in Group 6N with a home defeat to a very strong Criftins team.

In the first round rubbers, the first pair of Craig Nurse and Amanda Coxhead, soon found themselves a set down 4-6 before getting back in the rubber by taking the second set 6-4. They then narrowly lost out on the deciding third set tie break 0-1.

The second pair of Carol Slater and Craig Southern found themselves outplayed against the opposing second pair who boomed down some very powerful and heavy serves to take the rubber 2-6, 4-6.

With a two love deficit going into the reverse rubbers, Slater and Southern were beaten by the same scoreline as their first rubber, while Nurse and Coxhead took the opposing second pair to a first set tie break coming out on top 7-6.

They then lost focus to drop the second set 1-6 which took the rubber to yet another deciding third set tie break in which they eventually prevailed 1-0 (10-6).

Despite the defeat, the team hope to have done enough to retain their position next season in the group.

Oswestry shot down in the cup by Nelson

IN their first game since the departure of boss Dan Stevens, FC Oswestry Town went out of the Macron North West Counties League Cup when defeated 1-0 at Nelson in the second round.

Coach Mike Barton took over as interim manager for the trip to Lancashire, and saw his side put up a battling display before going down to a 75th minute strike from Yves Zama.

Although Nelson had the better openings, the visitors defended solidly before being breached when Terry Cummings broke down the left for Zama to convert from close range.

Zama had been a dangerman for the hosts throughout, his 11th minute cross sparking a scramble before Danny Burns saw his shot from the left of the box kept out by keeper Richard Cowderoy.

Alun Morris headed wide at the other end from a Richard Litchfield corner, but Nelson went close on 26 minutes when Zama rattled the bar from a Cummings pass.

Zama then fired into the side netting in first half stoppage time, while the tie continued in a similar vein after the break with Zama seeing another effort held by keeper Cowderoy as the hosts pressed.

After making the breakthrough, Nelson could have added a second in injury time but Burns fired into the side netting when well placed.

Prospect

After their cup exit, FC Oswestry look to get back to winning ways in the North West Counties League division one on Saturday when they host rock bottom Ashton Town.

Town, meanwhile, have been drawn away to West Midlands League division one side Newport Town in the quarter-finals of the TJ Vickers Cup.

Having swept aside Rock Rovers 11-0 in the first round, this tie is certain to prove a tougher prospect against a side lying second in their respective league.

Town's reserves, who had no Mercian Regional League division one game last weekend, put their revival to the test on Saturday when they visit premier division leaders Oakengates in the County Cup.

GOBOWEN CELTIC halted their slide in the Mercian Regional League premier division with a timely 1-0 home success against Rock Rovers

Elsewhere, **ST MARTINS VILLAGE** succumbed 2-1 at St Georges United in division one.

Welshpool held in six-goal shootout

WELSHPOOL'S new management team of Chris Roberts and Neil Pryce are still looking for their first win in the Spar Mid Wales League division one after drawing 3-3 against Machynlleth at Maesydre.

But the duo - who took charge a couple of weeks back - would have been thankful of rescuing a welcome point courtesy of an injury time strike from Sam Evans that lifted their side off the foot of the table.

Roberts and Pryce saw their side go behind on the break early on, before Pryce himself scored twice to give Pool an interval lead.

Mach got their noses in the second half, but the hosts were not to be denied a share of the spoils as Christian Webster crossed from the right for Evans to fire home the equaliser. Victory was enough to take Welshpool above basement rivals **MONTGOMERY** who slipped to the foot of the table after crashing 7-1 at home to Llandrindod Wells.

Unbeaten leaders Rhayader Town were held 1-1 at Knighton Town who snatched a last minute leveller after Tom Bethell had given the Weirglodd men the lead.

That stalemate saw second placed **BERRIEW** close the gap at the top to four points with a resounding 6-1 home victory over lowly Tywyn Bryncrug.

LLANRHAEADR moved up to fifth courtesy of a 2-1 success over visitors Bow Street who had led at the break through a 10th minute opener.

Two second half goals turned the tide, with top scorer Iwan Matthews levelling from the penalty spot after an infringement in the box, before Marc Griffiths headed what proved the winner just after the hour

LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE climbed into the top five in division two with a 2-0 verdict at close rivals Abermule, while high-flying Borth United opened up a three point lead at the top of the table after prevailing 3-0 away at Presteigne

DYFFRYN BANW went six points clear of the bottom two sides with a 2-0 home win against third placed Dolgellau.

St Martins give leaders scare before late decider

ST MARTINS gave unbeaten high fliers Hereford Lads Club a real fright before being edged out in a seven goal tussle in the West Midlands League division one.

It was a second defeat for Craig Rogers since taking charge, but the new boss took plenty of positives from his team's work rate and attitude.

The Hereford side arrived on the back of a 13-match winning run, but the Saints had the best chance in the first half when Zakh Ward broke through only to be denied by keeper Steven Bell.

However, the goalless first period at Park Hall was overshadowed when the visitors had Dean Corbett stretchered off with a broken leg.

The encounter sprang to life in the second half, with the Lads Club taking a two-goal lead inside the hour.

But the Saints, who could only field 11 fit players due to injury and unavailability, were up for the battle and hit back when Matty Jones curled in a fine effort from 18 yards.

They were back on terms when a Jones cross was deflected into the net off a visiting defender, but the league leaders regained the lead through Tom Harding following a slip by keeper Dan Wood.

St Martins levelled again through Ward, but hopes of a hard-earned point were dashed late on when Zac Sirrell fired in from a Shaun Prince cross.

Now 13th in the table, the Saints could have a couple of new faces as they look to bounce back at home to basement strugglers Bromyard Town on Saturday.

Llanfair toasting big win at the champs

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

PAUL Griffiths fired a hat-trick as Llanfair United pulled off the shock of the day with a stunning 4-2 victory at Huws Gray Cymru Alliance title chasers Caernarfon Town.

United lost 6-1 in their last visit to the defending champions, but this time turned the table on the Cofis as they eased their own basement worries in fine style.

They made a poor start, conceding to Nathan Craig following an indirect free kick in the box when keeper Chris Brown was harshly penalised for after just two minutes.

But they stormed back with the lively Griffiths carving an interval lead with replies on five and 31 minutes, his first a free kick that evaded everybody before James Davies helped set up a second.

After the break, Caernarfon had Danny Brookwell sent off for a foul when the last man, while keeper Brown saved a penalty from first half goalscorer Craig.

Griffiths, who earlier hit the post, completed his hat-trick on 71 minutes with a strike from outside the box before Andrew Hughes made the points safe 10 minutes from time after more good work from Griffiths.

Although Craig pulled back a second with another penalty six minutes later, Llanfair were well on course for a memorable victory by that stage.

GUILSFIELD, now eight points off the pace in seventh spot, were locked in a 0-0 stalemate at home to Holywell Town.

Boss Dan Barton was happy with a clean sheet, while the Guils could have sneaked it with the hard working Adam Jenkins carving a good opening after jinking his way into the box, while James Henderson also went close from a set piece.

Caersws, one place below the Guils, found their form at home with a 3-1 success against Porthmadog that avenged a recent four goal Welsh Cup beating.

Despite falling behind on the half hour through Julian Williams' strike, the Bluebirds were back on terms two minutes later when Lance Jones headed in a Jack Hughes corner.

Sean Evans then smashed home a second via the post four minutes after the break after being teed up by Iwan Lewis, before Will Thomas settled the issue late on when tucking in the loose

Llany net spoils on derby day

Llanfyllin Town celebrate going ahead at Brecon just before half-time. *Picture: Stuart Townsend.*

LLANYMYNECH booked their ticket for the second round of the Central Wales Cup after clinching a 1-0 passage against their closest rivals Four Crosses.

The derby saw strong challenges from both sides, with Llany looking to get the better of their visitors who play a level above in the Spar Mid Wales League division two.

Both sides had their chances with the decisive goal coming seven minutes from time when Sam Roberts latched onto a poor back pass to beat the advancing keeper and slot home his fourth goal of the season

WATERLOO ROVERS stormed through with a 7-0 romp at New Quay, while **LLANFYLLIN,** also going well in the Montgomeryshire League division one this season, overcame Brecon Northcote 2-1 away.

Kerry progressed without kicking a ball as visitors Lampeter withdrew,

The next round will be played on Saturday, January 7, 2017, with the draw to be made at the next Central Wales Council meeting in November.

Reserves hit goal trail and back on track

AFTER a recent slump, defending champions Llanfair United reserves had something to cheer after sweeping aside Llanrhaeadr reserves 5-0 in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one.

Josh Astley led the way with a brace of goals, while Toby Evans, Tom Gregory and Aled Haynes also got on the scoresheet.

MORDA UNITED missed a chance of making ground on the leaders after their 4-1 home loss to Caersws reserves. They are sixth, having now even overtaken by the Bluebirds.

In division two, Maesyrhandir remain top despite slumping 6-2 at home to Newtown Wanderers.

Results

JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League – Division one: Llanfair res 5 Llanrhaeadr res 0, Morda United 1 Caersws res 4.

Division Two: Carno res 5 Trefonen 1, Maesyrhandir 2 Newtown Wanderers 6, Waterloo Rovers res 0 Kerry res 3.

Llansantffraid Village Cup round two: Meifod 4 Abermule res 1.

Ladies teach Students side how to finish

TWO goals apiece from Stacey Garnham and Emily Ridge saw The New Saints Ladies sweep aside Loughborough Students 6-0 in the FA Women's Midlands League division one.

After a week's break, the Saints hit the goal trail on their return to action with Ridge netting twice in the first half on 14 and 44 minutes, while Garnham's brace came on 24 minutes before getting a second in the last minute.

Laura Morris (55) and Madison Jones (68) were also on target in the second half as the visitors moved up to fifth in the table, only missing out on third spot on goal difference.

They have 15 points from eight outings, and are six points adrift of leaders Loughborough Foxes, and look to keep up the winning ways when they visit third bottom Birmingham and West Midlands Ladies on Sunday.

Second half blast unlocks the Quay

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

A SIZZLING second half display saw The New Saints march on at the top of the Dafabet Welsh Premier after sweeping aside nearest challengers Gap Connah's Quay 3-0 at Park Hall.

After a first half deadlock, the runaway league leaders proved too hot to handle after the break as they roared to a 13th straight league victory to move a commanding 15 points clear at the top.

Connah's Quay had arrived on the back of an unbeaten 12-match run themselves but, for all their early resilience, became the latest side to succumb to the relentless Saints.

After a first half deadlock, substitutes Wes Fletcher and Chris Seargeant marked their second half appearances with goals to put the defending champions on course before Jon Routledge settled the issue four minutes from time.

TNS, who have now won all 16 games in all competitions this season, had been held in check in a first period of few clear-cut chances.

Gap forward Mike Wilde, returning to face his former club, saw an early header was clutched by keeper Paul Harrison who also saved comfortably from Tom Field.

Gap were enjoying a good spell, which saw Field drive a free kick inches wide from an inviting position just outside the box. There continued to be little in it, with both teams defending stoutly while striving to prise an opening at the other end.

Ryan Brobbel smashed a free kick wide, while Robbie Parry and Alex Darlington also put efforts past the upright in a first half stalemate,

But the Saints came out for the second period with real intent to take the initiative as their plucky rivals saw their challenge fade.

Darlington fired wide from distance and Steve Saunders put an effort over from a Seargeant cross as the hosts stepped up the pressure.

Parry had a free kick deflected just over, and Aeron Edwards finally got the ball in the net, but the offside flag had already been raised

Gap showed plenty of resilience as they repelled the home raids, but were finally breached in the 70th minute when good build up play from Seargeant and Routledge set up former Burnley trainee Fletcher to produce a neat finish for his first league goal. TNS continued to press with Ryan Pryce's shot daved by keeper Jon Danby while Parry's cross just eluded Fletcher at the back post.

But a second goal arrived on 77 minutes when, after more incisive play, Pryce delivered a cross into the box and Seargent did the rest with another sweet finish.

Victory was then completed four minutes from time as Routledge latched on to a perfect pass from Brobbel to score his first goal for the Oswestry club.

The Saints, meanwhile, have been paired away to last Sunday's rivals Gap Connah's Quay in the semi-finals of the Nathaniel MG Cup.

The holders already knew the identity of their opponents in the last four due to the regionalisation of the competition, but have now learned they will be on the road.

In the other semi-final clash, Carmarthen Town, who lifted the trophy in 2013 and 2014, will host Welsh League division one high-fliers Barry Town United at Richmond Park. Ties are to be played on November 17 or 18 with dates to be confirmed.

■ Newtown remain four points adrift at the foot of the Dafabet Welsh Premier after being locked in a 0-0 deadlock against 10-man Llandudno at Latham Park.

Ellesmere all set for derby after top win

ELLESMERE RANGERS will go into Saturday's Shropshire derby at home to AFC Bridgnorth with confidence high after claiming a fourth successive win in the West Midlands League premier division.

Rangers, handily placed in third spot in the table, proved too strong for hosts Bilston Town Community last weekend as the Beech Grove men eased to an emphatic 6-0 away victory.

Karl Bailey scored twice while there was a goal apiece from Josh Brown, Joe Parry, Christian Oldham and Grant Butler.

n Leaders Haughmond are without full-back Matt Fletcher for Saturday's trip to Cradley Town after he had his appendix removed.

Shropshire rivals Wellington Amateurs were the latest victims of Matt Burton's consistent side as Haughmond eased to a 4-1 victory.

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Llanfair out to spring a second big surprise

LLANFAIR UNITED will be looking to pull off another eye-catching victory when they head to Flint Town United in Saturday's testing JD Welsh Cup second-round assignment.

United will be in fine fettle for the trip to their Cymru Alliance rivals after storming to a shock 4-2 win at champions Caernarfon Town last weekend.

A hat-trick from Paul Griffiths downed the title chasers, while at the same time boosting Llanfair's hopes of steering clear of a relegation dogfight.

Boss Rhys Stephens was naturally delighted and said the performance showed what his side are capable of on their day.

"We can't play as well as that every week, we have to be realistic," he said. "But it shows that when we do play that well, that we can beat anyone in this league.

"The lads deserve a lot of credit as they could have sulked when we went through a bad patch, but they've worked hard in training.

"We've got a tough game at Flint who are a good side going well – second in the table – and we are under no illusions about the size of the task.

"We have already played there twice this season. We drew in the league and lost by one goal in the league cup, but if we play somewhere like we did last weekend, then we've got a chance."

Reflecting on the victory at Caernarfon, he added: "It was a thoroughly deserved win, as good a performance as we've produced for some time.

Solid

"We've got 14 points from 12 games, which I would have taken had someone offered me at the start of the season."

GUILSFIELD boss Dan Barton wants another solid defensive display when his side hit the road to Mold Alex for their tie against Cymru Alliance opposition.

After a poor start to the season, a new-look Mold side have transformed their fortunes and drew 2-2 at home to the Guils in the league back in September.

Barton will bank on another miserly display from his side, as in last weekend's goalless draw with Holywell Town at Clos Mytton.

"I was definitely happy with a point against a good side, we looked more solid and organised," he said. "If you have a solid back line it breeds confidence, gives you a platform and gives players more freedom to get forward.

"We know it's going to be tough at Mold, but if we can put in that kind of performance defensively, then I'm sure we can open them up offensively."

Keeper Lee Andrew has staked his claim for the tie with an impressive performance against Holywell after Dave Littleford missed out through illness.

Spar Mid Wales League side **LLANRHAEADR** look for an upset when they go to Cymru Alliance outfit Holywell Town. The villagers booked their ticket with a 5-3 success against Prestatyn Sports, but now face a tough task.

Meanwhile Guilsfield, who hammered Gresford Athletic 5-1 in the previous round, have been drawn away to high-flying Prestatyn Town in the last eight of the Huws Gray Cup on Saturday.

Welshpool duo seeking a first victory

FOOTBALL

WELSHPOOL TOWN are off in pursuit of much-needed points in the Spar Mid Wales League division one when they make Saturday's testing trip to Aberaeron.

The new management duo of Chris Roberts and Neil Pryce after still seeking their first win after two games in charge, losing 2-1 to Llanidloes Town before a late goal earned a 3-3 draw with Machynlleth last weekend.

That result saw Pool lift themselves off the foot of the table and they are now one point above MONTGOMERY who crashed 7-1 at home to Llandrindod Wells.

Monty are also on the road, to Hay St Mary's, as they look to revive their fortunes, while basement rivals Tywyn Bryncrug entertain Knighton Town.

At the other end of the table, second-placed BERRIEW bid to stay hard on the heels of leaders Rhayader Town when they head to Machynlleth.

Their 6-1 beating of Tywyn Bryncrug closed the gap at the top to four points and they can make up more ground with Rhayader playing in the Welsh Cup. "Machynlleth will not be easy, but it's a game we must win to put some pressure on Rhayader," said boss Dave Jones.

"With them in cup action, it's a chance to reduce the gap at the top to one point, so we will be looking for a good performance and three more points."

Berriew's victory against Tywyn was closer than the result suggests, two late goals giving the Rhiewsiders an emphatic scoreline.

Other division one games see third-placed Carno visit Radnor Valley and Llanidloes Town welcome Bow Street.

LIONS V SAINTS FOR CUP CLASH

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints will still face Livingston in the quarter-finals of the IRN-BRU Scottish Challenge Cup – despite their opponents fielding an ineligible player in the previous round.

Livi originally won 2-1 at Belfast club Crusaders on October 7 – but defender Alan Lithgow played while suspended.

Rather than being thrown out, the Scottish League division one side were ordered to replay the fourth round tie – and progressed on Tuesday night as goals from Raffaele de Vita, Nicky Cadden and Liam Buchanan secured a 3-0 victory.

The Lions will now host the unbeaten Saints in the last eight on Sunday, November 13 with live screening on S4C (4.05pm).

Meanwhile, Saints boss Craig Harrison says his high-riding side are in no mood to ease up despite forging a 15-point lead at the top of the Dafabet Welsh Premier.

Challenge

The defending champions continued their perfect start with a 3-0 victory over closest challengers Gap Connah's Quay that took their winning run to 16 games in all competitions – 13 of them in the league.

They already appear to have a sixth successive title firmly in their grasp, but Harrison said the challenge now is to keep the run going.

"To win 13 in a row in the league is a fantastic start to the season, particularly as we only won 18 games in the whole of last season," said Harrison. "It's the perfect start, but it's only a start, we have to keep setting ourselves new targets.

"We knew it was always going to be tricky against Gap, they are strong and well organised.

"They frustrated us in the first half, it wasn't quite going our way. "We changed a few things, brought on a couple of subs who both scored, and we were fantastic in the second half. It was a huge win for us."

The Saints now go to Bangor City for a televised game on Saturday (5.15pm) against the side who currently hold the record of 16 matches undefeated at the start of a season, 2010-11.

Eagles hoping to take wing

Coming through – Welshpool No.8 Ryan Goodwin bagged a hat-trick. Pic: Bryony Molly.

OSWESTRY continue their search for a first win of the campaign at Broughton Park on Saturday – having come within a whisker of a breaking their duck last weekend.

The Eagles fell further adrift at the foot of rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire One after being pipped 29-25 by basement rivals Wigan.

After seven straight defeats, they had looked in sight of a welcome success before being stunned by a last-minute try from their Cheshire visitors.

But they could take plenty of heart from a plucky display, and look to build at third-placed Broughton Park on Saturday

It has been a tough start for the club since stepping up a new level following promotion, with coach Gareth Barrett stepping down due to work commitments.

Oswestry II, who are propping up the Freshlet Division Four South, also look for a change of fortune when they host Moore II on Saturday (2.30pm).

WELSHPOOL bagged 10 tries as they eased to a 68-21 victory over struggling Rhos in the North Wales Intermediate Cup, with No.8 Ryan Goodwin and winger Paul Davies both grabbing hat-tricks.

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Craig wins his third boss award

THE New Saints boss Craig Harrison has bagged a hat-trick of Dafabet Welsh Premier manager of the month awards after claiming the October accolade.

Harrison's high-flying Saints conceded only once while winning all four of their October matches – away to Aberystwyth Town and at home to Llandudno, Newtown and Gap Connah's Quay.

They scored 14 goals in the process and have now won all 13 league fixtures to open up an 15-point advantage at the top of the table. Harrison will now be looking to beat Bangor City's record of 16 matches undefeated at the start of the 2010/11 season.

Meanwhile, TNS have been paired away to last weekend's rivals Gap Connah's Quay in the semi-finals of the Nathaniel MG Cup. The holders already knew the identity of their opponents in the last four as the competition is regionalised, but have now learned they will be on the road.

In the other semi-final, 2013 and 2014 winners Carmarthen Town will host Welsh League Division One high-fliers Barry Town United at Richmond Park. Ties are to be played on November 17 or 18.

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TNS' youngsters will entertain Flint Town United in round three of the FAW Youth Cup on Sunday, November 20.

Rogers on trail of three new signings

THREE players could be in line to make their St Martins debuts in Saturday's home clash with lowly Bromyard Town in West Midlands League division one.

Boss Craig Rogers, who took charge a few weeks back after Ryan Butcher stepped down, hopes to have some new faces in by the weekend.

He will look to build on last Saturday's spirited 4-3 loss to unbeaten leaders Hereford Lads Club that kept his side 13th in the table. "Lads Club had won their previous 13 games so we were always going to be up against it," he said.

"We were down to just 11 players through injury and unavailability, but I don't think they're going to have a tougher game this season.

"The spirit and work-rate was first class. There are some technical issues we need to address, but we are only going to get better. I'm looking to strengthen the squad, and we could have three new players by the weekend."

No cup hat-trick as Town go out

HOLDERS FC Oswestry Town bowed out of the Commander Ethelston Cup at the first hurdle when downed 2-0 by Prees at Whitchurch's Yockings Park.

Town had lifted the prestigious trophy for the last two seasons. But hopes of a treble were dashed in midweek as they succumbed to two quickfire second-half strikes.

Town, who parted company with boss Dan Stevens two weeks ago, host struggling Ashton Town on Saturday as they look to improve their 11th position in North West Counties division one.

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